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PEG KIRBY

Peg Kirby came to work for the Town in October of 1957; she retired at the end of the day on December 31, 1985. During her more than twenty-eight years of service, she served with four Town Clerks. One of those Clerks characterized her service in this way:

"Peg always arrived for work ten minutes early. Five minutes later her typewriter started clacking, and it didn't stop until closing time." Steady, unflappable, and penny-accurate, Peg knew thoroughly every facet of the work-flow for Town Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer in our Town. She gave of her time and talent generously, and we dedicate this Annual Town Report to her as recognition for her service and a sign of our gratitude.

Thank you, Peg.

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires

Moderator

Joseph R. White	1986

Town Clerk

George R. Bach	1986

Board of Selectmen

Shirley A. Dorey	5/1985
Bernard R. Kubiak	1986
Herbert E. Squires	1986
Kenneth W. Rhodes	1987
Shirley R. Aldrich	1988
JoAnne L. Newman	1988

Treasurer

George R. Bach	1988

Tax & Town Collector

George R. Bach	1988

School Committee

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	1986
Martha J. Barrett	1987
Michael P. Forgue, Sr.	1987
Dorothy A. Rhodes	1988
William M. Russell	1988

Planning Board

Thomas P. Blomstrom	1986
John E. Shea	1987
Donald S. Cole	1988
John E. Siegel (resigned 9/10/85)	1989
Roger E. Bacon (appt. 9/24/85)	1986
Helen L. Gibson	1990

Cemetery Commissioners

David G. Hodgen	1986
Floyd R. Peeso	1987
Paul C. Cook	1988

Board of Assessors

Roy A. Voci	1986
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	1987
David A. Staples	1988

Housing Authority

Edmund F. Wallace	5/1985
William C. Carmody	1986
John W. Avery	2/3/87
Thomas C. Kubacki	1988
Mary S. Pratt	1989
W. Ira Shatuck	1990

Tree Warden

Albert W. Brown	1988

Sewer Commissioners

Alfred P. Atwood	1986
Brian L. Brougham	1987
Harry L. Brougham	1988

Board of Health

Linda H. Snow	1986
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1987
Peter T. Lamacchia, Jr.	1988

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fun

Sylvia C. Conkey	1986
Mary S. Pratt	1987
Kenneth H. Snow	1988

Almoners-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Virginia M. Hislop	1986
Janet L. Wood	1986

Pathfinder Regional Vocationa Technical High School Distric Committee Member

George R. Harrell	1987

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Executive Secretary

William G. Whitlock	6/30/87

Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Green	6/30/87

Assistant Town Accountant

Katherine C. Lofland	6/30/86

Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/86

Assistant Town Treasurer

Margaret S. Kirby	5/1986

Deputy Collectors

Gloria J. Conkey (office)	12/1986
Carol E. Hubbard (office)	12/1986
Margaret S. Kirby (office)	12/1985
Norman C. Jeffery	12/1986
Christine Jeffery	12/1986

Finance Committee

Donald R. Crevier	6/30/86
Warren H. Johnson	6/30/86
Linda E. Barron	6/30/87
William J. Nelson	6/30/87
George E. Dion	6/30/88

Town Counsel

Leonard Kopelman, Attorney	6/30/86

Fire Chief

Donald F. Bock	6/30/86

Forest Fire Warden

Donald F. Bock	6/30/86

Highway Superintendent

Harry A. Dodge	6/30/86

Inspector of Buildings

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/86

Asst. Inspector of Buildings

Christopher Allison	6/30/86

Wiring Inspector

Edward S. Czech	6/30/86

Inspector of Plumbing

Jeffrey W. Price	6/30/86

Dog Officer

Robert Squires	6/30/86

Assistant Dog Officer

Robert Williams (resigned 6/30/85	6/30/86
Debra Michaud	6/30/86

Gas Inspector

Jeffrey W. Price	6/30/86

Supt. of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	6/30/86

Veterans Services Agent

Merle R. Green	6/30/86

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/87

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/86

Veterans Graves Officer

Melvin Terry	6/30/86

Assistant Graves Officer

David LeCours (appt. 6/17/85)	6/30/86

Registrars of Voters

Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/86
Lillian C. Austin	6/30/87
Dorothy M. Brennen	6/30/88

Election Officers
Precinct A

William Barnett (Warden)	6/30/86
Alice M. Burke (Clerk)	6/30/86

Precinct B

Mary C. Dudek (Warden)	6/30/86
Alice Alden (Clerk)	6/30/86

Board of Appeals

Lloyd C. Chadbourne	6/30/85
Robert Condon (became assoc. member 9/23/85)	6/30/86
Thomas W. Shattuck (from assoc. to reg. member 9/23/85)	6/30/86
Jonathan Spiegel	6/30/87
Andre Michaud (from assoc. to reg. member 8/5/85)	6/30/88

Associate Members Board of Appeals

E. Dale Cox	6/30/85
Andre Michaud (became reg. member	

8/5/85)	6/30/86
Thomas W. Shattuck (became reg. member 9/23/85)	6/30/86
William I. Shattuck, Jr.	6/30/86
Robert Condon (from reg. member to assoc. 9/23/85)	6/30/86

Civil Defense Director

William G. Whitlock	6/30/86

Deputy Director-Civil Defense

Melvin W. Terry	6/30/86

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Louis F. Zimmerman	6/30/86

Member-Civil Defense Dept.

Roy Whidden (appt. 10/7/85)	6/30/86

Recreation Director

Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.	no term

Parks, Beach & Recreation

Jonathan J. Hogan (appt. 4/22/85)	6/30/86
Sylvia C. Conkey	6/30/87
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/87
Patricia H. Burton	6/30/88
Richard A. Thibodeau	6/30/88

War Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/86
John W. Avery	6/30/87
Edward O. Lofland	6/30/88

Food Stamp Representative

Louise C. Wadsworth

Rationing Board

Wilfred T. Weston	6/30/85
Wilfred N. Ridenour	6/30/86

Public Weighers

Joseph W. Tolpa (appt. 10/15/85)	6/30/86
Joseph Tolpa, Sr. (appt. 10/15/85)	6/30/86

Personnel Board

Joseph D Guercio	6/30/86
George D. Greule	6/30/87
JoAnne M. Gavin	6/30/88

Conservation Commission

Jennie T. Greene	6/30/86
Alice L. Kuc	6/30/86
Louis B. LaFramboise	6/30/87
Kathryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/87
Wesley R. Autio	6/30/88
Hubert Greene	6/30/88
Cheryl Pinkham	6/30/88

Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range

Walter F. Coombs	6/30/86
Kathy Z. Ruhf (appt. 7/8/85)	6/30/86

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission

Robert L. Condon (Alternate)	6/30/85

P.V.T.A. (Selectmen's Rep.)

Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/86

Representative to Board of Directors of Hampshir Community Action Commission

Paul D. Kuc-Term not specifie

Historical Commission

Nancy A. Condon	6/30/85
Suzanne Bay	6/30/86
Robert J. Hansbury	6/30/87
Carl J. Peterson	6/30/87
Shirley A. Bock	6/30/88
Paul R. Lussier (appt. 9/3/85)	6/30/88

Council on Aging

Rev. John J. Ayers	6/30/85
Winifred B. Shattuck	6/30/85
Annette L. Cambo	6/30/86
Gerald W. Houlihan	6/30/86
Jayne M. Slate	6/30/86
Rev. John Chapple	6/30/87
Mary E. Clauss	6/30/87
Ruby E. Martin	6/30/87
Fr. John Pickewitz	6/30/87

Shirley A. Dorey (appt. 9/3/85)	6/30/88
Casimir Owczarski (appt. 10/3/85)	6/30/88
Roy H. King, Sr.	6/30/88
Robert D. LaMudge	6/30/88

Police Candidate Review Committee

John W. Avery	6/30/86
Peter G. Burton	6/30/86
Frank Farrington (appt. 6/24/85)	6/30/86
Donald C. McKenney	6/30/85

Town By-Law Review Committee

Raymond Campbell	Final Report
Shirley A. Dorey	"
Robert A. Knight	"
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	"
Joseph R. White	"

Arts Lottery Council

William S. Barron (appt. 4/8/85)	6/30/87
Suzanne Bay	6/30/87
James J. Gambaro	6/30/87
Marianne T. Gambaro (appt. 44/8/85)	6/30/87
Robert J. Hansbury	6/30/87
June S. Henneman	6/30/87
Patrick Landers	6/30/87
Gail A. Taylor (appt. 9/23/85)	6/30/87

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee

Shirley A. Bock	6/30/86

Weigher, Measurer, Surveyor of Commodities

Roy F. Whidden	6/30/86

Health Officer
Quabbin Health District

David Zarozinski

Energy Resources Commission

Louis E. Fuller	6/30/85
Brenda Loew	6/30/86
Arlan V. Skinner	6/30/86
Jayne M. Slate	6/30/86

Virginia C. Ayers	6/30/87

Hazardous Waste Coordinators

Linda E. Barron	6/30/85
Richard Taupier	6/30/85

School Building Committee

Patricia H. Burton	Final Report
Sharon L. Chapman	"
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	"
Michael P. Forgue	"
George B. Jackson	"
Susan J. Martens	"
Robert T. Martens	"
Donald F. Moran	"
Casimir W. Owczarski	"
David A. Staples	"

Cable TV Advisory Board

Paul C. Cook	6/30/86
Edward H. Gates	6/30/86
Henry E. McManus	6/30/85
Tilo Schiffer (appt. 4/8/85)	6/30/86
Roy A. Voci	6/30/86

Rent Control Board

Edward H. Gates	1986
Wilhelmina M. Eaton	1987
Kenneth W. Thayer	1988
John Hunt Chapple	1989
William Barnett	1990
John J. Green, Jr., Esq. (Special Counsel to Bd.)	

Dog Control Study Committee

Eric Walgren	6/30/85
Deborah Bowen	6/30/86
Tibby Chase	6/30/86
Terry Chevalier (appt. 6/17/85)	6/30/86
Laura Squires	6/30/86
Robert Squires	6/30/86

Police Officers
Chief

Robert A. Knight	6/30/86

Full Time

William D. Beatty, Jr.	6/30/86
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/86
John Drawec (appt. 7/22/85)	6/30/86
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/86
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/86

Roman R. Kucinski	6/30/86
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/86
Paul A. Tuttle (from part time to full time 7/1/85)	6/30/86
William C. Zobka	6/30/86

Sergeant

Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/86
William C. Zobka	6/30/86

Constable

Robert A. Knight	6/30/86
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/86
William C. Zobka	6/30/86

Officers

David A. Conkey	6/30/86
Craig F. Kulis (resigned 7/85)	6/30/86
John W. Luippold	6/30/85
Joseph Rebello	6/30/86
Susan O. Roundy	6/30/86
James Taylor	6/30/86
Alan Kipetz (appt. 8/12/85)	6/30/86
Stephen Kozloski (appt. 8/12/85)	6/30/86
Barbara O'Connor (appt. 8/12/85)	6/30/86
Paul A. Tuttle (became full time 7/1/85)	6/30/85

Special Police Officer

Patricia Antonovitch	6/30/86

Special Police-School Traffic

Lillian C. Austin	6/30/86
Linda Gay	6/30/86
Jane L. Hamel	6/30/86
Gail S. Malone	6/30/86
Hector Tetrault	6/30/86
Charles Howard	6/30/86
A. Preston Atwood (sub.)	6/30/86
Ingrid Czech (sub.)	6/30/86
Roland Hutchinson (sub.)	6/30/86
Holly Rainaud (sub.)	6/30/86
Andrew Sears,Jr. (sub.)	6/30/86
Marie Dyer	6/30/86
Mary Davis (sub.)	6/30/86

All Other Specials

John Clark (SRS Club) (resigned)	6/30/
Brian L. Adams(SRS Club) (appt. 12/23/85)	6/30/
Ralph Goodreau (SRS Club)	6/30/
John Pisarski (SRS Club)	6/30/
A. Preston Atwood	6/30/
Edward Czech	6/30/

(For Dogs Only)

Robert Squires	6/30/
Robert Williams (resigned 6/30/85)	6/30/

Board of Health Appointme
Clerk of Infectious Disea

Charlotte F. Ketchen	6/30/

Inspector of Animals

Stanley Antonovitch	6/30/

Special Agent at Belchert
State School

Aran Kasparyan, M.D. (retired 2/9/85)	6/30/
Bernard Price, M.D. (appt. 2/9/85) (resigned 12/31/85)	6/30/

Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	6/30/

Bike Route Committee

Jay Evans (appt. 4/1/85)	no te specifi

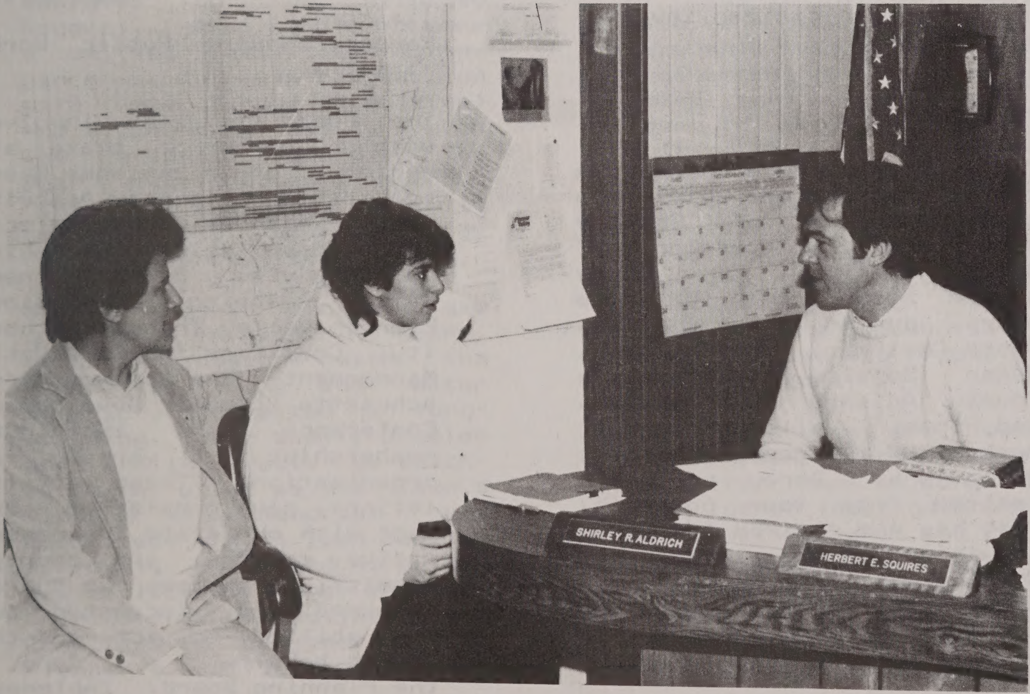
Controlled Growth Committ

Margot Moran (appt. 8/12/85)	Final Rep
Eric Walgren (appt. 8/12/85)	"
Gary Moore (appt. 8/12/85)	"
Elizabeth Coxon (appt. 9/10/85)	"
Betsy Spencer (appt. 9/10/85) (resigned 12/3/85)	"

Deborah Bedore   Final Report
(appt. 12/16/85)

Solid Waste Disposal
Committee
(appt. 11/18/85)

Michael Van Dyke Final Report
James Munro "
Eric Weiss "
Ira Shattuck "
Alan Weis "
Steve Allen "
Carol Clark "


SHIRLEY R. ALDRICH
HERBERT E. SQUIRES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The 1985 Annual Report for the Town of Belchertown serves two functions. It offers citizens an accounting of the Town's actions over the last year and it also serves as a guide to the Town's organization and operation. It merits careful reading, cover to cover. We hope you will be better in-informed about the Town and also encourage you to become involved in its operations by voting, attending town meetings, and by volunteering your time to one of the many boards, committees, or projects. On the last page of the report you will find a Talent Bank questionnaire. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form and return it to the Selectmen's Office, 2 Jabish Street. You can help make citizen involvement a reality.

THE BOARD:

The past year saw a change in the Boards's membership with the retirement of Shirley Dorey and the election of Shirley Aldrich. Mrs. Dorey served as Selectmen for nine years, during which she was Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Human Service Liaision, a County Adisory Board member, and Pioneer Valley Transit Authority representative. While Mrs. Dorey may have retired from town politics, she has not retired from town service. We are pleased that Shirley continues in her role as PVTA representative and now serves on the Council on Aging.

ACTIVITIES:

The Board of Selectmen annually elects its officers and assigns duties. For 1985, Bernard R. Kubiak serves as Chairman, Herbert Squires as Vice Chairman, and JoAnne Newman as clerk. The Board's chairman is also a trustee of the Clapp Memorial Library. Board member assignments are follows:

Shirley Aldrich-Human Services liaison:
JoAnne Newman-Environment and Planning liaison, County Advisory Board representative, Acting Municipal Right to Know Law Coordinator;
Bernard Kubiak-Budget committee, liaison to Finance and School Committees, Municipal Right to Know Law Coordinator;
Kenneth Rhodes-Public Safety liaison;
Herbert Squires-Public Works liaison.

The Board is also involved with a number of state and regional organizations: Massachusetts Municipal Association, Hampshire County Selectmen's Association, Hampshire County Advisory Board, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Coalition for Safe Waste Management, the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Conference, and individual memberships in a variety of organizations. These affiliiations, plus consistent contact with our state representative, senator, and county commissioners, keep the Board informed and increased our our ability to act on the Town's behalf.
the Planning Board. Implemen-

Work on many projects funded through state grants was completed. The day care center was constructed and a long term lease signed with the Belchertown Day School allowing the expansion of a needed service. The project, funded through the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD), will serve as a model for cooperation between the state, local government and non-profit organizations. The year-long diagnostic and feasibility study on Arcadia and Metacomet Lakes, 70% funded by Division of Water Pollution Control, was completed and several recommendations were made for improving and maintaining the water quality in the lakes and Holland Pond as well. A compilation and revision of the Town's by-laws, the first since 1959, was accepted by Town Meeting and approved by the Attorney General. Also completed were a unified facilities maintenance study (in conjunction with the School Committee) and a personnel study with the Personnel Board). The Board also obtianed an EOCD "capacity building" grant to restore the position of Planner/Grantswriter.

Several other projects saw completion in 1985. The Board, after discussions with the Bondsville Fire and Water District, corrected a long-standing water supply problem on Franklin Street. We watched with pride as the Town's Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated. With Town Meeting approval, the Board hired two new police officers and appointed the Controlled Growth Committee in conjunction with Planner's office and nine tation of the Right-to-Know law was completed, with the appointment of a municipal coordinator to manage the citizen access provisions of the law. Manditory redistricting, with the addition of a third voting precinct beginning in 1988, was completed. The infamous Three Rivers Road underpass was improved. Pedestrian crossing signs made their first appearance on the crosswalks in the town's center and the pedestrian right-of-way enforced.

We were able through the efforts of volunteers to put in place a comprehensive dog control by-law. Working with the Cable TV Advisory Committee, the Board awarded a provisional license to Clearview Cablevision. This will allow Clearview to obtain the funding it needs to begin wiring some sixty-seven miles of roads in the town. Working with the Planning Board, we were able to shift the cost of engineering reviews of proposed subdivisions from the town to the developer, resulting in being reduced costs to the town. Along with the Town of Amherst, we were able to co-sponsor another Household Hazardous Waste Day, enabling homeowners to safely dispose of toxic materials found in many households. The Board hopes to repeat the event in annually.

The Selectmen are working toward completion of several projects, some in conjunction with other local governments. Along with Amherst and Pelham, we are continuing engineering work on the Aquifer Land Acquisition Program. We are cooperating with the County well as additional conference other Hampshire County towns in a Techical Assistance Grant to study the propsed HERCO trash to energy plant, as well as our own review by the Solid Waste Disposal Needs Committee. With the limited life of the town's landfill and our rapid growth, the issue of solid waste disposal demands immediate attention. We have also joined with Amherst and Southampton in a Agricultrual Land Preservation and revitalization study. Under the auspices of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the study is funded by the three towns and the Massachusett Society for the Promotion of Agriculture. The selectmen will contine to work with the Bondsville Fire and Water District to correct the remaining water problems in south Belchertown. We hope to begin discussions with the Town of Palmer on reopening the River Street bridge to Bondsville.

Work continues on two projects funded through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources (MOER). The Board's Designer Selection Committee has been reviewing proposals for a groundwater heat pump and other energy saving devices for the Chestnut Hill School swimming pool. The heat pump, along with an air-to-air heat exchanger, is expected to reduce the cost of heating the pool and can provide additional hot water for the school. A second MOER grant will allow us to upgrade the heating system in Lawrence Memorial Hall. Plans are underway to convert Memorial Hall to a municipal office building when the new middle school opens. This will provide needed office space as preparedness planning.

rooms for use by committees and local organizations. The offices currently in the Finnerty House will be reloacted to Memorial Hall. The School Department's administrative offices will move from Clapp Memorial Library to the Finnerty House.

The Board has applied for funding to begin implementing the recommendations of the Clean Lakes study. We are also seeking a Strategic Planning Grant to study housing needs and development patterns in town. Responding to a petition signed by some 800 citizens, the Board will seek financial assistance from the Department of Public Works to implement a system of traffic lights for the town center.

The past year was not without its problems. Vandalism at the middle school and the lack of insurance prompted the Board to work with the School Building Committee to successfully negotiate repairs to the roof, put security in place, and purchase insurance. The Board will continue to assist the School Building Committee to resolve any outstanding problems with the project. The Board discovered that some 15 subdivision roads were improperly accepted by the Selectmen. A proper procedure for acceptance is now in place and we are working with the Planning Board and Town Counsel to correct this problem. Hurricane Gloria, fortunately, did not live up to expectations--but our emergency planning did. The storm provided us with a test of our abilities and showed us where we needed to further develop our emergency
IN CLOSING:

We did see the development of what we hope will become a permanent fixture in town. Our first Farmer's Market was formed. After years of sponsorship of the Town Fair, the Veterans of Foreign Wars announced they could no longer undertake the project due to its size and increasing liabilities. The Fair, the second oldest in the state, was rescued by the VFW when the Farmers and Mechanic's Society could no longer operate it. We thank the VFW for their fine efforts with the Fair and other community work in town. The Board hopes to continue the tradition of the Town Fair, with some changes. We are looking for interested individuals and organizations to help us pull things together. The Board and the Council on Aging celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Senior Senior Center last May. In appreciation for use of the Congregational Church Parish House a Les Campbell photograph of the church was presented to Rev. John Chapple and the Board of Deacons.

The Board is fortunate to have the assistance of a number of interested citizens who have provided us with their time and expertise to work on cable television, dog control, solid waste management, energy projects, the day care center, and other activities. We owe them our sincere thanks.Thanks are due as well to the other town officers, boards, and committees who's cooperation is necessary if we are to do our jobs. Special mention must be made of Nancy Olender, our secretary, Patricia Lalli, our recording secretary, Eleanor Green, Town Accoutant, Kitty Lofland, Assistant Town Accountant and Executive Secretary, Gerry Whitlock, for their invaluable efforts on our behalf.

The Board of Selectmen looks forward to working for and with Belchertown's citizens to meet the challenges posed by a growing town and changing times.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard R. Kubiak, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

THE OFFICE OF SELECTMAN

The year 1985 was an anniversary of sorts for selectmen across Massachusetts as it marked the 350th year of the official existence of the office. The basis for Massachusetts town government in the 17th century, as it is now, was the town meeting. Voters (keep in mind that only "selectmen"). In March of

male property owners could vote) would gather frequently to discuss affairs and to do the town's business. This system of frequent meetings proved cumbersome, so the townsmen began to select certain of their members to act on behalf of the town between meetings (hence the term ing, an authority that did not

1636 the Great and General Court (the legislature) granted towns permission to make their own laws (by-laws) and to "choose their own particular officers".

Towns quickly began to adopt this form of government, based on the concept of the "select vestry" in English parishes. Each year the town meeting would elect some three to twelve "select-men" and give them essentially full control of the town until the next annual meeting, including the right to call townsmen together for a "special" town meeting if they saw fit.

The selectmen had a wide range of authority. They controlled the finances of the town, made any type of agreement on its behalf, set up schools, built roads, set prices for commodities, and ordered care for the poor. Selectmen were responsible for appointing town officers such as fence viewers to settle boundary claims and field drivers to impound wayward livestock. They were in charge of the local militia, distributed the town's common lands, decided on the location of buildings (public and private) and raised taxes. If you were an undesirable person, the selectmen could "warn" you out of town. They controlled the content of warrant articles for town meeting change until 1715 when the legislature decreed that the selectmen had to accept any article signed by ten taxpayers. There was even a "selectmen's court" for settling small claims. Given this range of authority it was unusual for a citizen not to appear before the board during the course of a year.

The office still carries with it aspects of the distant past. Selectmen may still appoint field drivers or can raise the "unorganized militia" in the event of a declaration of war by the Governor. But the office of selectmen has undergone a number of changes in the intervening years. Contemporary selectmen function under a regulatory framework of over 700 provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws that govern the conduct of the town. Selectmen have to remain sensitive to neighborhood concerns while attending to larger issues on the local and state levels. Dog complaints, groundwater protection and the state budget may all be discussed at the same meeting. The insularity of the past is gone but the town meeting-selectmen form of government has proven to be durable and effective.

Bernard R. Kubiak

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I am submitting the annual report from the office of the Executive Secretary. I hope that many people will read the town report from the various departments.Each Board has worked hard for the benefit of Belchertown and we all would like to have citizen participation in our town and offer suggestions or ways in which we could improve the operation of town government. I thought this year I would do something different and go back 30 years to see what has happened to Belchertown and then proceed on to some of the things that we are looking at in the future.

In the early 1950's approximately 4,500 people lived in town and now the population is over 8,500+.

*The Town has built three schools in this period: Cold Spring School, Jr/Sr. High School and now the Chestnut Hill Community School.

*The Town has revamped under Federal Revenue Sharing all of its municipal buildings to bring them up to par.

*The Town received funding to build Everett Acres, a Senior Citizen Housing complex.

*We have an Aquifer Land Acquisition Grant program to protect the water resources for our community.

*The Town voted to increase the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members.

*The Town has received several energy grants, and we have applied these grants to all the major town buildings to make them energy efficient and cost saving.

*In 1976 we received 27 acres from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sum of $1.00 and erected a new Belchertown Highway Garage.

*The Town purchased the old post office building and rehabilitated it into a new and modern police station facility.

*The police department has been upgraded and became a full time department.

*The Fire Department has been upgraded with modern equipment and it is certainly one of the best and most active volunteer Fire Department in the Commonwealth.

*We received a beautification grant to upgrade the town common and other recreation facilities.

*The Town received federal highway funding for Route 181 to eliminate the dry bridge, and to straighten certain sections of Route 21.

*The Town Government Study Committee has made recommendations in changing our form of operation of town government and many of these recommendations have been initiated.

*The Recreation Department has a full time staff now and is in the process of updating its facilities and programs.

*The Town received a Land and Water Conservation Recreation Grant to build recreation facilities at Chestnut Hill Community School.

*We received FmHA and HUD funding to connect sections of Warren Wright, Allen and Bay Roads, and Rita Lane with municipal water.

*We received an Incentive Aid Grant for updating and printing the Town By-Laws and to study joint maintenance of school and municipal facilities.

*We received a CDAG grant to extend municipal water to a new business on Bay Road.

*The town offices have entered the computer field with great success and are looking forward to progressing in that field.

*We are in the process of studying Lawrence Memorial Hall for renovation to town offices so that the departments will all be in the same building.

*We received Small Cities funds to construct a Day Care Center on Route 202 and to provide water to the industrial area of Stadler Street.

*A full time maintenace department has been scheduled.

*The Town established a Senior Citizen Center and programs which are surpasssed by none.

*We have seen several of our local businesses grow anc commerical businesses are slowly beginning to come intc town.
Many of these things were discussed over the past 3C years and have been done by all the Boards working ir conjunction with each other. It is really a credit to all the people and to you, the citizens of our community as we need everyone's help tc support these project.

In reviewing some of the projects that everybody workec on this year, one of the items is reestablishing the position of Planner/Grants-writer. Part of this positior will be funded by state grants.

We received a Energy Grant for the Geothermal heating of the pool and hot water at the Chestnut Hill School,and alsc an energy grant to revamp the heating system in Lawrence Memorial Hall.

We are studying and applyinc for a grant for revamping the intersection in the center of town which is becoming a major problem and only can get worse with increased activity.

A new purchasing system for all the town departments has been put in place.

Meetings with the department heads are being helc periodically and this seems tc help with the communicatior betweeen the departments.

I have spent a great deal of time in working with the legislature on various grants and legislation.

I would personally like to thank Senator Wetmore and Representative Collins and their staffs for the fine communication that they have kept with this office and with the other offices and boards in town.

In looking back into the past and ahead into the future one would hope that we are all on the right path for Belchertown. We appear to be in fine shape right now.

Some items to look at in the future are:

Sewer problems.

Expansion of our water system and adding a new water supply.

Department of Public Works system in the town.

Review future land planning as to the potential growth factor of this town (which is here now).

I would personally like to take this time to thank the office staff for the fine cooperation and support that I receive from them, and the Board of Selectmen and other Boards, and also citizens throughout the community as we are all working for the best interests of the Town of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Whitlock
Executive Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The total assessed value of all real and property in the Town of Belchertown as of January 1, 1985 is $164,801.807. This is an increase of $5,629,559 (3.54%) in the total valuation over the January 1, 1984 value. The increase is due to new construction, additions, renovations, etc.

The Big Question that the Board of Assessors is asked is, "When are the tax bills going to be mailed on time?" Our answer is October 1, 1986, FY 1987 tax bills will be mailed on time. The Board feels that it is safe to say that we will be able to put the FY 1987 bills out in ten months after just completing a billing in six months for FY 1986.

Real estate transfers are up 17% over last year to a new high of 600+ for 1985. The total parcel count is up approximately 21% to a new high of 4388. New single family homes have just about doubled over last year and commerical and industrial construction has increased over last year.

Excise tax bills still take a large share of our time (approximately 20%). This year the staff processed 8,706 excise tax bills, bringing in $288,066.45 of tax revenue, which represents 9.4% of the Total Levy for FY 1986.

FY 1986:

Total amount to be raised	$8,051,229.05
Total from all other sources	4,971,083.28
Total tax levy for FY 1986	3,080,145.77

Tax Levy - Total Valuation - Tax Rate

3,080,145.77 - 164,801,807. = $18.69

Levy Limit:

FY 1985 Levy Limit	$2,852,767.00
+ 2 1/2 %	+ 71,319.00
+ New Growth	+ 97,740.00
FY 1986 Levy Limit	$3,021,826.00
+ Debt Exclusion (New Middle School)	+ 318,965.00
FY 1986 Levy Limit with Debt Exclusion	$3,340,791.00
FY 1986 Levy Limit	$3,340,791.00
FY 1986 Levy	3,080,146.00
FY 1986 Levy	- 260,645.00

(well below the Proposition 2 1/2 limit)

Maximum Levy Limit for the Town of Belchertown:

2 1/2% of Total Valuation ($164,801,807) = $4,120,045.00

As you can see the Town expendiutures are well below the limits of Proposition 2 1/2.

In our endeavor to give a picture of what has happened to the real estate tax on the average home in Belchertown over the last twenty years, the Board presents the following information:

Home #1 (Off the water and sewer district)
1 bath, 4 bedroom, Cape Cod home, built in 1948, 1930 sq. ft., average quality and average lot

Year	Value	Tax Rate	Taxes
1966	$ 12300	$ 37.00	$ 455.10
1967	14800 (update)	40.00	592.00
1978	30100 (update)	26.00	782.60
1982	51900 (update)	18.70	970.53
1986	59900 (update)	18.69	1,119.53

Value from 12300 to 59900----------------387% increase

Taxes from 455.10 to 1,119.53 ------------246% increase

Home #2 (On town water and sewer)
1 bath, 4 bedroom, Colonial home, built in 1827, 3824 sq. ft., average quality, average lot

Year	Value	Tax Rate	Taxes
1966	$ 10300	$ 37.00	$ 380.10
1967	12500 (update)	40.00	500.00
1978	28700 (update)	26.00	746.20
1982	46200 (update)	18.70	863.94
1986	44700	18.69	835.44

Value from 10300 to 44700-------------334% increase

Taxes from 381.10 to 835.44 ---------119% increase

The gradual computerization of the Assessors Office has helped with the increased work load of the office staff and the improvement of the quality of assessments. It also has been of great assistance in monitoring the real estate market and analyzing the sales and assessments necessary for the updating of current value to full and fair cash value as of 1/1/87 for Fiscal Year 1988.

In order to update our values the state has mandated that we must inspect the interior of the majority of the homes in Belchertown. Starting on March

1, 1986 the Board of Assessors may be calling on home owners in your area to make appointments for such inspections. The Board again asks for your whole-hearted support in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Belchertown hereby submit their report for the year of 1985.

During the year of 1985, the sewer system which serves the center of Belchertown was maintained as usual by cutting the brush on our rights-of-way, thus assuring easy access in case of trouble.

We also regularly checked the known trouble spots, which helped to prevent serious blockages. During the year we added one new home to the system.

The South Belchertown system is running well, with maintenance confined mostly to the care and operation of the pumping station. In 1985 we added two new homes to the system, and also connected the Franklin School to the system.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Atwood
Member, Sewer Commissioners

TREE WARDEN

During the year fifty-three dangerous or dead trees were removed. Many trees were trimmed of dead wood and low limbs.

We were called out six times for storm damage, plus storm Gloria which gave us a lot of work.

The department planted sixteen trees.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Fourteen diseased trees were removed, one was an old landmark at the corner of West Street and South Washington Street (Doc. Austin's).

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Elm trees were sprayed twice, Methoxychlor was used. Some trouble areas were sprayed with Dipel for Gypsy Moth and Eastern tent caterpillar.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had a very busy year, with a total of 21 regular meetings. The following report summarizes our activities for the calendar year of 1985.

The Board conducted ten public hearings. Two hearings for definitive subdivisions review for Canal Drive Subdivision, two hearings for zone change requests, three hearings for amendments to the zoning by-law and three hearings for amendments to the subdivision regulations.

The Board adopted a revision to the subdivision fee schedule in the Rules and Regulations. Consulting with the Town Engineer and all boards involved in the review and inspection time involving subdivisions, the Board adopted a revision that will cover the costs to the town in the development of the subdivision. The fees became effective September 4, 1985.

The Board conducted two hearings on the Estate Lots proposed amendment to the zoning by-law. The amendment was finally finalized after two years work on the issue. The amendment awaits consideration on town meeting floor. The Estates Lots amendment will permit lots with less the required frontage with an increased in total sq. footage. Briefly, the formula is: 50 feet frontage with a minimum of 200,000 sq. ft. shall be defined as an estate/buiding lot.

In March, the Board cosponsored with the Selectmen and the Conservaton Commission an Agricultural/Forestry Preservation Forum. The forum generated a response from a wide cross-section of our community From this forum, a grant was was pursued with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. In December, the first organizational meeting of the Farmland Advisory Committee met. Planning Board member Don Cole will represent the Board at the Committee's future meetings.

A total of 74 plans for subdivisions not requiring approval under the town's subdivision control regulations were endorsed for a total of 236 approved building lots.

Status of Subdivisions:

Pine Meadows Subdivision, off of Michael Sears Road, 12 lots, completion date March 1986.

Carol Ann Estates, off of North Liberty Street, 15 lots completion date February 1987.

Briarwood Estates, completed October 1985. Awaiting final steps of road acceptance by town.

Canal Drive Subdivision, definitive plan endorsed March 1985, 31 lots, completion date March 1987.

Approved Preliminary Plans:

Located on Town water and sewer:

Federal Acres, off Federal Street, 35 acres
Jackson Street, off of Jackson Street, 15 lots

Located off of town water/sewer:

Westridge Estates, off of Bay Road, 8 lots
Belchertown Woods, off of Federal Street, 18 lots
Rimrock Subdivision, off of Rockrimmon Road, 24 lots

Board member John E. Siegel resigned due to employment transfer. The Board wishes to thank him for his committement, fast-learning and time. Roger Bacon was appointed to fill out the term. The Board welcomes Roger and feels his professional expertise as an engineer will be a tremendous asset to the Board.

The Planning Board will be hiring a fulltime planner by the spring of 1986. This will be of great assistance to the Board and the Town in order to address the impact of our current growth. The Board has a great many issues on our future agenda and we kindly request citizen cooperation and input on all concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen L. Gibson, Chairman

CONTROLLED GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Controlled Growth Committee was created at the 1985 Annual Town Meeting in conjunction with a one-year ban on permits for construction of duplex dwellings in agricultural zones. The charge to the committee is "...to recommend to the Planning Board means for orderly growth while regarding the Town's rural heritage by protecting active farming and assuring open space, and while guarding against contaminated groundwater."

The Planning Board and Selectmen completed their appointments in August of 1985 and in September we began holding weekly meetings.

Considerable research has been done, and significant progress made toward the final report to be submitted at the 1986 Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Coxon, Chairman
Deborah Bedore
Gary Moore
Margot Moran
Eric Walgren

1985
TOWN CLERK REPORT

Statistics

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Northampton	25	29
Springfield	23	20
Belchertown	0	1
Ware	2	5
Holyoke	5	1
TOTAL	55	56

TOTAL BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELCHERTOWN-1985 111

MARRIAGES

	Males	Females
Resident	58	60
Non-Resident	14	12
TOTAL	72	72

Married At:

Belchertown	46
Out of Town	26
TOTAL	72

DEATHS

Recorded in Belchertown - 53

Males - 32 Females - 21

Resident - 53 Non Resident 0

Place of Death	
Belchertown	13
Palmer	8
Ware	14
Holyoke	2
Springfield	4
Northampton	5
Ludlow	1
Worcester	2
Athol	1
Agawam	1
West Brookfield	1
Amherst	1
TOTAL	53

TOWN CLERK - FINANCIAL

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (gross)	$8,154.60	734
Dog Licenses (gross)	8,077.25	1406
B-M-D Copies (certified)	559.00	275
B-M-D Copies (abstract)	72.00	72
Record Search & Correction	5.00	1
Marriage Intentions	300.00	75
U.C.C. & Terminations	2,115.00	229
Pole Orders	48.00	16
Sale of Zoning By-Law	360.00	90
Sale of Subdivision Regulations	110.00	22
Planning Board Fees	726.30	27
Fuel & Gas Registration	47.50	19
Business Registration & Discontinuance	30.00	31
Filing Fee-Board of Appeals	2,865.00	48
Raffles & Bazaars	100.00	10
Sale of Street List	149.00	12
Postage & Miscellaneous	116.24	--
TOTAL	$23,834.89	3067

Payments to:

Division of Fisheries & Game	$7,871.00
Town of Belchertown	15,963.89
TOTAL	$23,834.89

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The laws of the Commonwealth provide that every town whose valuation exceeds one million dollars must have a finance committee. The duties of the finance committee include making recommendations on warrant articles presented at all town meetings, special as well as annual, particularly articles dealing with fiscal matters. A major responsibility of this committee is to review the invididual budgets of every town department, board, committee, etc., to make recommendations and to present an overall Town budget to the citizens at the annual town meeting in May.

Throughout the year, the finance committee has responsibility for administering the Reserve Fund, a sum of money voted at the annual towm meeting to cover unforeseen or emergency expenses which arise during the ensuing year. This fund is disbursed as necessary by transfers to the appropriate accounts, upon proper documentation of need.

Through the combined efforts and expertise of many people- elected and appointed officials and employees - who handle the Town's money, Belchertown enjoys good financial health and an excellent credit rating. The finance committee looks forward to continuing our efforts together to provide the citizens of Belchertown with responsible management of their funds.

The finance committee holds its regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in its office in the Finnerty House. We welcome the participation of the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Barron

AUDITOR'S OPINION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

We have examined the combined financial statements of the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts for the period ended June 30, 1985 as listed in the Table of Contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As is the usual practice in municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts has not maintained a record of its fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, or a fixed assets group of accounts, is not included among its financial statements.

Pension costs are provided on a pay-as-you-go basis, as discussed in the Notes to the Financial Statements, instead of on an actuarial basis as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The amount of such costs under generally accepted accounting principles is not determinable at this time.

As more fully disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements, the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts' policy is to maintain its financial records on a basis prescribed by the provisions set forth by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which practices differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles. The basis of accounting utilized in formulating the Town of Belchertown's financial statements and the departures from generally accepted accounting principles are disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and do not present either the financial position or results of operating in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion,the accompanying financial statements as of June 30, 1985 and for the year ended present fairly the information contained therein in conformity with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding years.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the Table of Contents are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the combined financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Scanlon,
Public Accountant
December 31, 1985

The following balance sheet was produced by the Auditor.

DAVID A. STAPLES
CHAIRMAN

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

June 30, 1985

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Assets						
Cash (Schedule E)	$2,090,472	$300,039	$12,283	$636,095		$3,038,889
Investments (Schedule F)			2,000,000	1,084,525		3,084,525
Accounts Receivable:						
Property Taxes (Schedule G)	1,644,820					1,644,820
Excise Taxes (Schedule H)	110,637					110,637
Tax Liens (Schedule I)	76,550					76,550
Departmental (Schedule J)	31,765					31,765
User Charges (Schedule K)	12,547					12,547
Special Assessments (Schedule L)	27,791					27,791
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts (Note 1E)	(136,001)					(136,001)
Due from Other Funds		203,368	1,289,305			1,492,673
Due from Other Governments (Note 1F)		184,173	247,875			432,048
Accrued Interest	23,748	1,942				25,690
Tax Foreclosures (Schedule I)	905					905
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes/Debt (Note 6)			116,853		8,055,270	8,172,123
	$3,883,234	$689,522	$3,666,316	$1,720,620	$8,055,270	$18,014,962
Liabilities and Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable (Note 1G)	301,892	25,353	6,906			334,151
Employee Withholdings	12,706					12,706
Deferred Revenue: (Note 1E)						
Property Taxes	235,789					235,789
Excise Taxes	70,316					70,316
Other (Note 1E)	148,653	128,182	179,463			456,298
Due to Other Funds	1,492,673					1,492,673
Notes Payable (Note 5)			124,612			124,612
Bond Indebtedness (Note 6)					8,055.270	8,055,270
	$2,262,029	$153,535	$310,981	$0	$8,055,270	$10,781,815

Fund Equity:						
Reserve for Encumbrances (Note 1H)	$133,484	$18,640	$	$	$	$ 152,124
Reserve for Abatements & Exemption Surplus (Note 1I)	43,951					43,951
Reserve for Over (Under) Estimates (NOte 1J)	196					196
Reserve for Designated Debt Service (Note 1K)	256,505					256,505
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subdequent Years' Expenditures (Note 2)	305,600	5,162		347,800		658,562
Undersignated (Note 1L)	881,469	512,185	3,355,335	1,372,820		6,121,809
Total Fund Equity	$1,621,205	$535,987	$3,355,335	$1,720,620	$	$7,233,147
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	$3,883,234	$689,522	$3,666,316	$1,720,620	$8,055,270	$18,014,962

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Town of Belchertown

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Type and Account Groups

For The Period Ending June 30, 1985

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals
Assets						
Cash	$ 597,799.30	$503,407.12	$1,801,588.50	$636,094.65	$	$3,538,889.57
Investments			2,000,000.00	1,084,525.32		3,084,525.32
Accounts Receivable:						
Property Taxes	1,644,532.06					1,644,532.06
Excise Taxes	110,637.17					110,637.17
Tax Liens	83,794.27					83,794.27
Departmental	31,612.35					31,612.35
User Charges	12,546.76					12,546.76
Special Assessments	27,791.40					27,791.40
Interest	23,747.92	1,941.82				25,689.74
Less: Allowance for Un-Collectable Accts.	(136,000.68)					(136,000.68)
Tax Foreclosures	904.71					904.71
Due from other Governments		184,173.62	247,875.00			432,048.62
Amounts to be Provided for Payment of:						
Notes			116,853.00			116,853.00
Debt					8,055,270.00	8,055,270.00
	$2,397,365.26	$689,522.56	$4,166,316.50	$1,720,619.97	$8,055,270.00	$17,029,094.29
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	201,255.61	25,353.28	506,906.32			733,515.21
Employees Withholding	12,704.93					12,704.93
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	235,500.53					235,500.53

Town of Belchertown

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Type and Account Groups

For the Period Ending June 30, 1985

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals
Excise Taxes	$70,316.00	$	$	$	$	$70,316.00
Tax Liens	82,835.39					82,835.39
Departmental	31,612.35					31,612.35
User Charges	11,133.60					11,133.60
Special Assessment	27,791.40					27,791.40
Unclaimed Checks	1,239.80					1,239.80
Due other Governments	2,372.04					2,372.04
Notes Payable			124,612.00			124,612.00
Deferred Revenue						
Due from other Governments						300,893.71
Bond Indebtedness		121,430.71	179,463.00		8,055,270.00	8,055,270.00
Total Liabilities	$676,761.65	$146,783.99	$810,981.32	$	$8,055,270.00	$9,689,796.96
Fund Equity:						
Reserve for Encumbrance	234,120.14					234,120.14
Reserve for Abatements and Exemption Surplus	43,951.09					43,951.09
Reserve for Over/Under Estimates	196.00					196.00
Reserve Designated for Debt Service	256,506.60					256,506.60
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Years Expense	305,600.00	18,640.17		347,800.00		672,040.17
Undesignated	880,229.78	524,098.40	3,354,835.18	1,296,982.83		6,056,146.19
Reserved			500.00	75,837.14		76,337.14
Total Fund Equity	$1,720,603.61	$542,738.57	$3,355,335.18	$1,720,619.97	$	$7,339,297.33
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	$2,397,365.26	$689,522.56	$4,166,316.50	$1,720,619.97	$8,055,270.00	$17,029,094.29

Town of Belchertown

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

All Government Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

for period ending June 30, 1985

	General Governmental Fund Type			Fiduciary Fund Types	
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	Totals (Memorandum only)
Revenues:					
Taxes	$2,649,033.03				$2,649,033.03
State Receipts	3,221,614.01				3,221,614.01
Tax Liens	48,282.93				48,282.93
Excise Taxes	290,529.95				290,529.95
Licenses, Permits, Fees	394,985.26				394,985.26
Interest	446,182.92	$ 30,548.78		$155,677.04	632,408.74
Grants and Fees		772,942.29	$ 38,305.91		811,248.20
Note Proceeds			56,200.00		56,200.00
Bond Issue			7,000,000.00		7,000,000.00
Total Revenues	$7,050,628.10	$803,491.07	$7,094,505.91	$155,677.04	$15,104,302.12
Expenditures:					
General Government	308,250.20	49,135.40			357,385.60
Protection of Persons & Property	457,981.13	33,160.00			491,141.13
Health & Sanitation	78,757.41				78,757.41
Highways	407,890.44	95,975.66			503,866.10
Human Services	67,815.17	147,499.99		5,888.99	221,204.15
Buildings & Grounds	43,741.85	43,392.55			87,134.40
Education	3,408,760.74	332,102.39		400.00	3,741,263.13
Library & Recreation	92,005.37	325.00			92,330.37
Unclassified	1,154,090.93	3,000.00		5,009.66	1,162,100.59
Construction			4,495,223.04		4,495,223.04
Total Expenditures	$6,019,293.24	$704,590.99	$4,495,223.04	$11,298.65	$11,230,405.92

Town of Belchertown

Combined Statementof Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

All Government Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

for period ended June 30, 1985

	General Governmental Fund Type			Fiduciary Fund Types	
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	Totals (Memorandum only)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$1,031,334.86	$98,900.08	$2,599,282.87	$144,378.39	$3,873,896.20
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	121,305.52	22,022.94	99,910.00	307,000.00	550,238.46
Operating Transfers Out		(22,548.20)		(214,910.00)	(237,458.20)
State & County Assessments	(215,715.39)				(215,715.39)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	$ (94,409.87)	$ (525.26)	$ 99,910.00	$ 92,090.00	$ 97,064.87
Prior Year Expenditures:	$(101,075.18)	$	$	$	$ (101,075.18)
Adjustments:	$ (2,993.97)	$	$	$	$ (2,993.97)
Excess of Revenues & other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & other Financing Uses and Adjustments	$ 832,855.84	$ 98,374.82	$2,699,192.87	$ 236,468.39	$3,866,891.92
Fund Balance, July 1, 1984	$ 887,747.77	$437,612.18	$ 656,142.31	1,408,314.44	$3,389,816.70
Fund Balance, June 30, 1985	$1,720,603.61	$535,987.00	$3,355,335.18	$1,644,782.83	$7,256,708.62

Long Term Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1985

	Warren Wright Water Loan	Rita Lane Water Loan	Bay Road Water Loan	School Construction Loan	Totals (Memorandum only)
Assets					
Amount to be provided for the payment of debt	$21,500.00	$29,500.00	$4,270.00	$8,000,000.00.	$8,055,270.00
Liabilities					
Bond Indebtedness	$21,500.00	$29,500.00	$4,270.00	$8,000,000.00	$8,055,270.00

Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
June 30, 1985

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/84	Paid In FY85	Outstanding 6/30/85	Due In FY86
W. W. Water Loan	1980	5.0	23,900.00	2,400.00	21,500.00	2,400.00
Rita Lane " "	1983	5.0	32,000.00	2,500.00	29,500.00	2,500.00
Bay Road " "	1984	5.0	4,600.00	330.00	4,270.00	330.00
Middle School Construction Loan	1984	9.27			8,000,000.00	410,000.00
			$60,500.00	$5,230.00	$8,055.270.00	$415,230.00

Amortization Schedule

	Principle	Interest	Total
1986	415,230.00	724,716.00	1,139,946.00
1987	415,230.00	686,529.50	1,101,759.50
1988	415,230.00	648,343.00	1,063,573.00
1989	415,230.00	610,156.50	1,025,386.50
1990	415,230.00	571,970.00	987,200.00
1991	405,230.00	534,246.00	939,476.00
1992	405,230.00	496,984.50	902,214.50
1993	405,130.00	459,723.00	864,853.00
1994	405,030.00	422,469.00	827,499.00
1995	402,730.00	385,275.00	788,005.00
1996	402,730.00	348,138.50	750,868.50
1997	402,720.00	311,002.00	713,722.00
1998	400,320.00	273,866.00	674,186.00
1999	400,000.00	236,850.00	636,850.00
2000	400,000.00	199,850.00	599,850.00
2001	400,000.00	162,750.00	562,750.00
2002	400,000.00	125,550.00	525,550.00
2003	400,000.00	88,350.00	488,350.00
2004	400,000.00	51,150.00	451,150.00
2005	350,000.00	16,275.00	366,275.00
	8,055,270.00	7,354,194.00	15,409,464.00

Statements of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations

June 30, 1985

	Budget	Transfer Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government				
Moderator	$ 45.00	$	$ 35.00	$ 10.00
Selectmen	13,300.00	710.00	13,919.03	90.97
Executive Secretary	22,065.00		22,065.00	
Accountant	53,727.00		53,233.89	493.11
Treasurer, Collector, Clerk	97,128.00		94,072.08	3,055.92
Assessors	71,370.00		63,535.99	7,834.01
Law & Negotiator	16,600.00	5,068.29	18,903.19	2,765.10
Finance Committee	300.00		82.67	217.33
Election &Registration	20,650.00		15,437.40	5,212.60
Planning Board	6,612.00	200.00	6,789.70	22.30
Professional Eng.	7,000.00		6,540.64	459.36
Board of Appeals	1,728.00		1,084.73	643.27
Conservation Comm.	4,795.00	250.00	4,425.58	619.42
Rent Control Board	1,000.00	6,000.00	6,802.60	197.40
L.P.V.R.P.C.	7,922.00		1,188.30	6,733.70
Ind. Devel. Comm.	25.00			25.00
Personnel Board	55.00		20.00	35.00
Energy Resources Comm.	25.00			25.00
Historical Commission	450.00		114.40	335.60
	324,797.00	12,228.29	308,250.20	28,775.09
Buildings & Grounds				
Maintenance Equipment		660.00	659.98	.02
Maintenance	31,705.00		31,457.43	247.57
Maintenance Pickup		396.00	396.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	4,050.00	1,800.00	4,802.51	1,047.49
Finnerty House	4,500.00		3,408.97	1,091.03
Town Common	3,000.00		2,616.96	383.04
Town Clock	500.00		400.00	100.00
	43,755.00	2,856.00	43,741.85	2,869.15
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police Department	347,065.00		344,434.14	2,630.86
Ambulance	15,460.00		13,546.41	1,913.59

Fire Department	54,400.00		54,074.92	325.08
Building Inspector	25,643.00	1,990.00	27,415.38	217.62
Dog Officer	7,000.00	1,000.00	7,532.54	467.46
Civil Defense	711.00		424.51	286.49
Insect Pest	2,750.00		725.00	2,025.00
Dutch Elm	2,320.00		2,027.80	292.20
Tree Warden	8,055.00		7,800.43	254.57
	463,404.00	2,990.00	457,981.13	8,412.87
Health & Sanitation				
Board of Health	12,095.00	990.00	11,784.95	1,300.05
Sewer Commissioners	52,800.00		50,311.69	2,488.31
Quabbin Health Dist.	16,660.77		16,660.77	
	81,555.77	990.00	78,757.41	3,788.36
Highways				
Personal Services	190,336.00		185,764.55	4,571.45
Town Garage	11,100.00		10,129.14	970.86
Sanitary Landfill	5,400.00	2,000.00	7,132.07	267.93
Snow Removal	60,000.00		59,600.55	399.45
Road Machinery	54,050.00		52,427.95	1,622.05
Construction Materials	15,000.00		14,736.55	263.45
Hired Services	24,000.00		23,981.08	18.92
Streets	35,000.00		34,452.45	547.55
Street Lighting	23,000.00		19,666.10	3,333.90
	417,886.00	2,000.00	407,890.44	11,995.56
Human Services				
Council on Aging	39,252.00		39,186.12	65.88
Veterans Agent	2,630.00		2,630.00	
Veterans Benefits	18,000.00	8,000.00	25,999.05	.95
	59,882.00	8,000.00	67,815.17	66.83
Education				
Town Schools	3,472,688.00	1,304.00	3,247,092.55	226,899.45
Pathfinder Regional	163,248.00		161,668.19	1,579.81
	3,635,936.00	1,304.00	3,408,760.74	228,479.26

Library & Recreation

Library	33,881.52	750.00	34,528.34	103.18
Parks, Beach, Recreation	58,198.00		57,477.03	720.97
	92,079.52	750.00	92,005.37	824.15

Unclassified

Insurance	277,939.00	10,004.98	268,387.24	19,556.74
Pensions	134,276.06		134,276.06	
Unemployment	5,000.00		42.00	4,958.00
Patriotic Exercises	300.00		275.50	24.50
Printing Town Report	4,000.00		2,305.15	1,694.85
Expenses & Unpaid Bills	20,548.92		19,716.92	832.00
Water Line License		400.00		400.00
Hazardous Waste Coll.	1,056.00			1,056.00
Vietnam Men. & Dedic.		2,764.76	1,838.66	926.10
Stabilization Fund	305,000.00		305,000.00	
Veterans' Graves	350.00		323.80	26.20
Cemetery Commissioners	17,770.00		17,034.19	735.81
Interest	487,965.00		399,661.41	88,303.59
Maturing Debt	5,230.00		5,230.00	
Reserve Fund	50,000.00	(44,288.03)		5,711.97
	1,309,434.98	(31,118.29)	1,154,090.93	124,225.76

Summary

General Goverment	324,797.00	12,228.29	308,250.20	28,775.09
Buildings & Grounds	43,755.00	2,856.00	43,741.85	2,869.15
Protection of Persons & Property	463,404.00	2,990.00	457,981.13	8,412.87
Health & Sanitation	81,555.77	990.00	78,757.41	3,788.36
Highways	417,886.00	2,000.00	407,890.44	11,995.56
Human Services	59,882.00	8,000.00	67,815.17	66.83
Eduction	3,635,936.00	1,304.00	3,408,760.74	228,479.26
Library &Recreation	92,079.52	750.00	92,005.37	824.15
Unclassified	1,309,434.98	(31,118.29)	1,154,090.93	124,225.76
	$6,428,730.27		$6,019,293.24	$409,437.03

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor W. Green
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985

Cash on hand 6/30/84	$ 1,171,905.97	Payments, as authorized	$ 33,278,500.92
Receipts 7/1/84-6/30/85	35,019,239.57	Cash on hand 6/30/85	2,912,644.62
	$ 36,191,145.54		$ 36,191,145.54

Interest Income from Savings Deposits & Investments in Certificates of Deposit, etc., but excluding Trust Funds Interest - $395,307.75

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on hand 6/30/84			293,812.79	Payments, as authorized	153,819.50
Receipts 7/1/84-6/30/85:				Cash on hand 6/30/85	298,046.63
	Principal	Interest			451,866.13
	129,446.38	28,606.96 =	158,053.34		
			451,866.13		

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/84-6/30/85, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Date	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
461	To renew Note #457 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	07/13/84	18,487.00	10/12/84	5.70%	266.37
462	To renew Note #458 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	09/07/84	49,925.00	12/07/84	6.50%	820.30
463	To renew Note #459 Highway Construction Anticipation of Reimbursement	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	09/21/84	15,500.00	12/21/84	6.50%	254.67
464	To renew Note #460 School Project Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	09/28/84	1,000,000.00	10/29/84	6.40%	5,511.12
465	To renew Note #461 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	10/12/84	18,487.00	01/11/85	6.25%	292.07
466	To renew Note #462 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	12/07/84	49,925.00	03/07/85	5.75%	717.67
467	To renew Note #465 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	01/11/85	18,487.00	04/11/85	5.75%	265.75
468	To renew Note #466 Anticipation Federal & State	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	03/07/85	49,925.00	06/07/85	5.20%	649.03
469	To renew Note #467 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	04/11/85	18,487.00	07/11/85	5.00%	At Maturity
470	To renew Note #468 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	06/07/85	49,925.00	09/06/85	4.75%	At Maturity
471	Anticipation Serial Loan Sewer Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	06/27/85	41,200.00	09/27/85	5.00%	At Maturity
472	Anticipation Federal Grant Land & Water Conservation	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	06/27/85	15,000.00	09/27/85	5.00%	At Maturity

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds	6/30/84	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/85
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	8,752.34	-	758.39	400.00	9,110.73
George D. Longley (Music)	2,222.19	-	215.14	-	2,437.33
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	555.89	-	47.79	-	603.68
Whiting Street	23,262.57	-	1,986.16	397.18	24,851.55
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,682.00	-	219.45	-	2,901.45
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	6,897.47	-	570.47	-	7,467.94
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	67,124.92	5,646.88	6,631.18	5,491.81	73,911.17
Vienna Somes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	933.01	-	75.67	-	1,008.68
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	2,484.00	-	207.76	30.00	2,661.76
Perpetual Care (Mass. Municipal Depository Trust) (Cemeteries)	50,536.00	-	4,741.27	4,979.66	50,297.61
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)(Regular Acct.)	2,370.78	300.00	232.85	-	2,903.63
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	2,141.08	-	121.38	-	2,262.46
Stabilization Fund (Mass. Municipal Depository Trust)	322,201.75	305,000.00	32,971.21	214,910.00	445,262.96
Stabilization Fund (Invested as Cert. of Deposits)	980,290.09	-	100,735.23	-	1,081,025.32
	1,472,454.09	310,946.88	149,513.95	226,208.65	1,706,706.27

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor) - State Audit Value $3,500.00 - 12 month Dividend - $5,646.88

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Treasurer

REPORT OF TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985

1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		356.40
Outstanding 6/30/85	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

1976 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		267.75
Outstanding 6/30/85	267.75	
	267.75	267.75

1977 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		1741.95
Abated	1202.95	
Outstanding 6/30/85	539.00	
	1741.95	1741.95

1978 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		2254.20
Abated	1622.40	
Outstanding 6/30/85	631.80	
	2254.20	2254.20

1979 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		1659.98
Outstanding 6/30/85	1659.98	
	1659.98	1659.98

1980 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		1498.00
Outstanding 6/30/85	1498.00	
	1498.00	1498.00

1981 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		1368.59
Refunded		116.60
Abated	116.60	
Collected	5.70	
Outstanding 6/30/85	1362.89	
	1485.19	1485.19

1982 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		4730.29
Refunded		166.43
Abated	166.43	
Collected	2663.77	
Outstanding 6/30/85	2066.52	
	4896.72	4896.72

1983 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		16626.15
To Tax Title	1683.10	
Collected	7582.01	
Outstanding 6/30/85	7361.04	
	16626.15	16626.15

1984 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 6/30/84		192313.40
To Tax Title	53265.26	
Refunded		1.96
To Be Refunded		.50
Collected	119377.98	
Outstanding 6/30/85	19672.62	
	192315.86	192315.86

1985 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Committee for collection		1282906.78
Refunded		5484.59
Collected	1211822.66	
Outstanding 6/30/85	76568.71	
	1288391.37	1288391.37

1980 Boat Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		88.00
Outstanding 6/30/85	88.00	
	88.00	88.00

1981 Warren Wright Water

Outstanding 6/30/84		635.25
Outstanding 6/30/85	635.25	
	635.25	635.25

1983 Warren Wright Water

Outstanding 6/30/84		99.20
Collected	99.20	
Outstanding 6/30/85	.00	
	99.20	99.20

1978 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/84		17.68
Outstanding 6/30/85	17.68	
	17.68	17.68

1980 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/84		137.20
Collected	31.68	
Outstanding 6/30/85	105.52	
	137.20	137.20

1981 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/84		340.63
Collected	215.19	
Outstanding 6/30/85	125.44	
	340.63	340.63

1982 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/84		1328.34
Collected	1214.65	
Outstanding 6/30/85	113.69	
	1328.34	1328.34

1983 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/84		1440.02
Collected	971.73	
Outstanding 6/30/85	468.29	
	1440.02	1440.02

1984 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/84		2260.23
Collected	1745.74	
Outstanding 6/30/85	514.49	
	2260.23	2260.23

1985 Personal Property

Committed for collection		37077.00
Abated	2.00	
Collected	36140.65	
Outstanding 6/30/85	934.35	
	37077.00	37077.00

1982 Farm Animal

Outstanding 6/30/84		107.50
Collected	107.50	
Outstanding 6/30/85	.00	
	107.50	107.50

1983 Farm Animal

Committed for collection		1640.96
Collected	1276.46	
Outstanding 6/30/85	364.50	
	1640.96	1640.96

1981 Chapter 61

Outstanding 6/30/84		7.48
Collected	7.48	
Outstanding 6/30/85	.00	
	7.48	7.48

1982 Chapter 61

Outstanding 6/30/84		7.67
Collected	7.67	
Outstanding	.00	
	7.67	7.67

1983 Chapter 61

Committed for collection		920.02
Collected	819.58	
Outstanding 6/30/85	100.44	
	920.02	920.02

1977 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		7368.71
To Be Credited to Estimated Receipts		23.10
Abated	7277.68	
Collected	114.13	
Outstanding 6/30/85	.00	
	7391.81	7391.81

1978 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		8542.33
Collected	322.66	
Outstanding 6/30/85	8219.67	
	8542.33	8542.33

1979 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		11957.16
Collected	204.95	
Outstanding 6/30/85	11752.21	
	11957.16	11957.16

1980 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		12087.65
Abated	69.30	
Collected	817.74	
Outstanding 6/30/85	11200.61	
	12087.65	12087.65

1981 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		4341.75
Committed for collection		141.25
Refunded		8.75
Abated	203.37	
Collected	483.26	
Outstanding 6/30/85	3805.12	
	4491.75	4491.75

1982 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		5833.26
Refunded		2.00
Abated	121.25	
Collected	643.70	
Outstanding 6/30/85	5070.31	
	5835.26	5835.26

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		9076.07
Committed for collection		3187.98
Refunded		84.92
Abated	598.70	
Collected	5925.54	
Outstanding 6/30/85	5824.73	
	12348.97	12348.97

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/84		51291.12
Committed for collection		55723.71
Refunded		1874.82
Abated	6548.20	
Collected	93131.86	
Outstanding 6/30/85	9209.59	
	108889.65	108889.65

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for collection		193963.30
To Be Refunded		871.97
Abated	5364.80	
Collected	144375.20	
Outstanding 6/30/85	45095.27	
	194835.27	194835.27

1983 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/84		2331.31
Committed Demand & Interest when Sewer Charges become Liens		315.95
Collected (as Liens on 85 Real Estate)	1430.57	
Collected (Sewer Charges)	153.15	
Outstanding 6/30/85	1063.54	
	2647.26	2647.26

1984 Sewer Charges

Refunded		78.27
Outstanding 6/30/84		51190.55
Committed for collection		3900.00
Abated	249.45	
Collected	51589.79	
Outstanding 6/30/85	3329.58	
	55168.82	55168.82

1985 Sewer Charges

Committed for collection		60544.57
Abated	1281.76	
Collected	52522.33	
Outstanding 6/30/85	6740.48	
	60544.57	60544.57

1985 Ambulance

Outstanding 6/30/84		3775.94
Committed for collection		18640.00
Refunded		438.90
Abated	3122.70	
Collected	14116.37	
Outstanding 6/30/85	5615.77	
	22854.84	22854.84

1983 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/84		112.89
To Tax Title	112.89	
Outstanding 6/30/85	.00	
	112.89	112.89

1984 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/84		1801.17
To Tax Title	915.24	
Collected	885.93	
Outstanding 6/30/85	.00	
	1801.17	1801.17

1985 Water Liens

Committed for collection		10657.64
Collected	9244.48	
Outstanding 6/30/85	1413.16	
	10657.64	10657.64

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/84		4724.20
Committed for collection		5954.76
Collected	3424.74	
Outstanding 6/30/85	7254.22	
	10678.96	10678.96

1984 Bay Road

Outstanding 6/30/84		356.49
Collected	118.83	
Outstanding 6/30/85	237.66	
	356.49	356.49

1985 Bay Road

Committed for collection		1828.55
Collected	1379.75	
Outstanding 6/30/85	448.80	
	1828.55	1828.55

1981-85 Chapter 61 Withdrawal Penalty Tax

Committee for collection		10531.45
Collected	408.00	
Outstanding 6/30/85	10123.45	
	10531.45	10531.45

1985 Warren Wright Water

Committed for collection		2477.96
Refunded		93.00
Collected	2477.96	
Outstanding 6/30/85	93.00	
	2570.96	2570.96

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As population growth continues within our community, police services have increased to meet the demand. Crime statistics indicate that our crime rate has had a slight decrease, but all areas of police activity, such as service calls, arrests, investigations, traffic related actions and emergency operations, have rapidly increased.

With the addition of two (2) full time patrol officer positions in 1985, the department's ranks have risen to ten (10) full time police officers in addition to four (4) full time police dispatchers and seven (7) part time police officers.

Aggressive police work and cooperation from a responsive public are the primary reasons which enabled us to maintain a crime rate lower than the state average for communities of typical size. Belchertown Police Department officers placed a total of four hundred forty-three (443) persons in custody during 1985. Most of this criminal activity related to property crime categories but offenses alleging crimes against the person are no longer unusual. Increased arrests are also attributable to the use of a computer terminal installed at the end of 1984, linking the Belchertown Police Department with the State Criminal Justice Information System. A general procedure, whereby officers check operators of motor vehicles being stopped for traffic offenses through the computer for active arrest warrants, often produces an arrest for subjects wanted in other jurisdictions.

The department's endeavor to create safe roads within the town continued in 1985. Several programs were utilized in an effort to reduce traffic offenses. Radar patrols placed emphasis on high traffic areas and school zones; we responded wherever and whenever complaints regarding speeding traffic came to the attention of the department. Radar Alcohol Teams, designed to apprehend drunken drivers, worked on selected weekends and proved to be very effective. Several times throughout the year Belchertown Police Officers worked in teams with the Registry of Motor Vehicle Officers on various traffic enforcement details intended to curb motor vehicle violations. Throughout 1985 a total of two thousand seven hundred twelve (2,712) motor vehicle violation tickets were issued by the Belchertown Police Department. I believe this is an indication of our commitment to create safe roadways in our community. In spite of these efforts two hundred seventy-nine (279) motor vehicle accidents were reported to police in 1985. Two (2) of these accidents involved fatalities. While we find this discouraging, the department was encouraged that drunk driving arrests were down by almost 50%. For the previous three (3) years Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol arrests averaged at one hun-

dred (100) per year. Enforcement levels did not decrease in 1985 but rather patrols finding less offenders. Public awareness due to media attention and increased enforcement programs such as roadblocks have made a difference.
Two hundred thirty one (231) emergency ambulance responses were made in 1985. The ambulance is staffed by trained Emergency Medical Technicians who respond on a call basis. All police officers are trained as First Responders and are qualified to provide basic life support until ambulance personnel arrive. Currently our list of ambulance EMT's consists of seven (7) police officers as well as nine (9) local residents who provide an excellent and essential service. Frequently we rely on staff from Emergency Medical Services at the Belchertown State School. Their assistance is always prompt and professional . Our ambulance is now nine (9) years old and needs to be replaced. It is hopeful that we will be able to do this during the upcoming year.

In February of 1985 the District Court of Eastern Hampshire, which includes the Town of Belchertown within its jurisdiction, moved to a newly renovated facility on West Street in our neighboring Town of Ware. The new location is very attractive and efficient. Fines collected at the District Court and returned to the Town of Belchertown amounted to a total of $80,720.

Crime Prevention and safety programs coordinated by Belchertown Police Department Officers were conducted throughout 1985. Crime Prevention Officer William Beatty continued with Operation Indentification and met with various community groups to explain crime prevention measures. Safety Officer, Sergeant William Zobka conducted assemblies at local schools emphasizing bicycle safety and precautionary measures in traveling to and from school. Sergeant Ernest "Skip" Gay continued the program of fingerprinting school children with the cooperation of the Belchertown Parent Teachers Organization. A local business, Advanced Video, sponsored a program in conjunction with the Belchertown Police Department's Crime Prevention Officers that videotaped local youngsters for an accurate identification record for parents to maintain.

The police department continued to modernize with updated equipment. In January of 1985 infra red breath testing equipment was installed in the booking area of the station. The use of this equipment provides an error free record for court prosecution of persons charged with drunk driving. Video taping equipment was installed during the year. It's use will include the video taping of all arrested persons, the viewing of training films and the filming of serious accidents and crime scenes.

In August 1985 Dispatcher/Clerk Jennifer Lerner joined our staff and part time police officers Barbara O'Connor, Alan Kipetz and Stephen Kozloski were appointed.Patrol Officer John Drawec was appointed to our full time ranks and began work in November after graduating from twelve (12) weeks of vigorous police recruit training at the Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center. All are welcomed additions and have distinquished themselves and the department with a record of fine service.

Our immediate department goal is to continue to upgrade our services. Plans to computerize incident files and daily logs as well as the implementation of a worked processing system have begun. These improvements will allow the department to store information on a hard disc as opposed to the current system which involves volumes of paper. Information needed by desk personnel and police officers will be expedited by the use of a computer.

The police department is certainly grateful for the continued support we received in 1985. Our function is much more effective because of this cooperation. I would like to express my thanks to local government, town departments and surrounding law enforcement agencies as well as the District Attorney and his staff, court personnel and most importantly the Citizens of Belchertown. My thanks are also extended to the entire staff - the men and women of the Belchertown Police Department - whose hard work and devotion to duty enables the department to provide a quality service to the Town of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden, I hereby submit the following annual report for the Fire Department.

First of all, I would like to thank the residents, town officials, and all the departments and organizations. Most of all, I would like to thank the officers, members, Auxiliary, and families of the Fire Department. Having everyones cooperation makes my job easier.

This has been another active year for the Department. We held drills every month and renewed our C.P.R. cards. Members also provided most of the maintenance required for Department equipment.

The Firefighters Association provides about $500 per year for training. It also provides all dress uniforms for members. This is made possible through our annual raffle in October.

In order to keep up with the needs of the town, we must grow with it. Our rescue truck will be 25 years old in 1990. When we relace it, it will have to be larger to meet our demands. A larger truck will not fit in our present station. In 1994, our first line pumper will be 20 years old. It should be replaced at that time. We are holding our budget as tight as we can, but during the next 10 years we are going to have to spend some money to meet the needs of the town.

We are talking about a new central station. We have been in the same building since 1901. What other department in town has been in the same place for 85 years? Sometime in 1986, we will be responding to our 5,000th fire since February of 1929. We are also talking about purchasing land in the north and south ends of town for future substations. We have no need for substations at this time or in the near future, but the town should project for it, and buy land now while it is available to us at a reasonable cost.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Fire Chief: DONALD F. BOCK

Assistant Chief:
Samuel J. Joyal
Deputy Chief:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Deputy Chief: David Hodgen
Honorary Chief: Louis Fuller
Honorary Chief:
Raymond Menard
Captain: Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Honorary Captain:
Sherman Gould
Lieutenant: Edward L. Fuller
Lieutenant: Roy Reece, Jr.
Lieutenant: Richard McGinnis
Lieutenant: Timothy Lofland
Lieutenant: Bruce Officer
Chaplain: George R. Bach

FIREFIGHTERS

David Gay
Thomas Fuller
William Shattuck
Kenneth Thayer
Jeffrey Hubbard
James Hodgen
Edward Bock
Albert Dewhurst
Herbert Wood
Richard Knight

F. Raymond Peeso
Benjamin Williams
Scott Cameron
Robert Hodgen
Paul Greene
Christopher Hubbard
Gerald Gould
Ernest Gay, Sr.
William Kimball, III
Stephen Mellin, U.S.A.F.

AUXILIARY

David Gates
Edward Knight
Douglas Alley

Max Bock
Paul Bock

TYPES OF RESPONSES

	1985	1984	1983	1982
Total Responses	180	213	170	147
Building Fires	10	24	10	20
Chimney Fires	21	27	38	34
Mobile Homes	0	0	6	0
Vehicles	13	29	18	21
Rescues	6	2	4	7
Utility Poles & Wires	5	11	4	0
Dump Fires	1	2	1	0
Forest & Grass Fires	56	33	17	14
False Alarms	1	7	2	4
Investigations	64	71	70	42
Search (Missing Persons)	0	1	0	0
Mutual Aid	3	6	0	0
Hours of Fire Supression	233.95	185	138.12	145.43
Truck Mileage	1456	1032	826	929
Total Man-Hours Fire Supression	2987	2578.34	2140.45	2043
Average Member Responses	74.7%	76.5%	55.6%	54.52%

Total Estimated Losses:

Buildings	204,350	97,875	64,905	65,800
Contents	144,365	24,155	13,100	23,700
Vehicles	15,500	17,850	4,925	22,300

Respectfully submitted,
Donald F. Bock
Fire Chief, Forest Fire Warden

DIRECTOR OF INSPECTION SERVICES

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Type of permit:	No.
Single dwelling units:	129
Two dwelling units:	6
Business/commerical:	14
Industrial:	2
Mobile Homes:	26
Add/alter/repair:	53
Sheds/barns/garages:	64
Wood/coal stoves/chmnys:	71
Public buildings:	1
Demolitions:	10
Pools:	16
Renewals/signs/others:	28
Home occuptn, zoning pmts.	12
Certs. of Insptn/Use:	19
Smoke Detector Certs.	151
Total Permits Issued	602

Total Department Revenue
$30,319.00

OIL BURNER DEPARTMENT

Permits issued: 104

Total Department Revenue
$ 1,248.00

GAS DEPARTMENT

Permits issued: 40

Total Department Revenue
$ 730.00

PLUMBING PERMITS

Permits issued: 174

Total Department Revenue
$ 5,640.00

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Permits issued: 266

Total Department Revenue
$ 8,539.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Tested and sealed devices: 27

Total Department Revenue
$185.00

TOTAL PERMITS ALL DEPARTMENTS:
1213

TOTAL REVENUE ALL DEPARTMENTS:
$46,661.00

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Violations and Complaints:	43
Resolved by Department	41
Resolved by ZBA	2
Resolved by Court	0

Calendar Year 1985 was the busist year for building in Belchertown's history. There were significant increases in all areas but most especially in residential construction. Including Mobile Homes, duplexes and single dwelling units there were a total of 167 new housing units erected in 1985.

Zoning and Building Code compliance was generally good with the exception of solar panel, woodstoves and swimming pool installations. This is troubling because of the obvious health and safety issues involved. An improperly installed electrical system on a pool or bad plumbing on a solar panel can be disasterous. The only effective way to insure proper inspections is to make sure the appropriate permits are obtained before any work is done. When you contract for any work in your home, ask to see the permits. It is for your own protection.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas K. Magee
Director of Inspection
Services

COUNCIL ON AGING

1985 marked the Tenth Anniversary of the Senior Center in the community. These ten years have seen:
-the elderly/handicapped population increase from 718 in 1975 to 1400 in 1985,

-the growth in the scope of services to keep pace with the needs of the population, and

-the steady increase in the percentage of total elders involved.

1985 also saw federal legislation, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill, passed that will have drastic impact on the funding of our services in the coming years. To a degree this federal short-fall may be offset by our State, but the impact will be felt at the community level; not only in increased community responsiility for the funding of Senior Center operation, but in the impact of certain cutbakcs anticipated in federal assistance programs upon individuals in our community.

Elderly/handicapped population number in Belchertown has fluctuated very little since '83; remaining at 1400 +/- 20 for three years. This after a marked yearly increase for the preceeding eight yeras. Our "over 80" population is declining slightly; while our "under 70" population is increasing. The fact that there is no appreciable increase in the total number of our elderly/handicapped population is attributed to the mobility of a segment of our elderly population. The last three years show a decided increase in numbers moving to town, and a correspondingly high increase in the numbers staying for only a short period of time.

The unduplicated numbers participating in Center services and the volume of participation in the major service categories can best be presented through the following tables.

I. UNDUPLICATED NUMBER PARTICIPANTS/SERVICE CATEGORY: 7/1/84 -6/30/85

	1983	1984	1985
Outreach	447	511	572
Health	328	367	478
Nutrition	394	417	465
Transportation	203	183	220
Activities (all)	283	380	620
At Least 1 Service	806	821	876

II. VOLUME OF PARTICIPATION/SERVICE 7/1/84 - 6/30/85

Total Center Visits	25,687	38,647	39,532
Total Nutrition			
-people	29,552	35,984	41,806
(# Cong. meals)	-	-	20,319
(#H.D. Meals)	-	-	42,974
Total Health	2,386	3,297	3,182
Total Trans. Trips (1 person-1 way)	13,978	12,695	14,223
Total Trans. Miles	54,797	53,189	54,770
Total Activity	15,605	16,880	17,985
Total Outreach	2,523	2,740	3,591

The Tenth Anniversary held on May 1, 1985 sought to increse community-wide awareness of services by bringing to our community's attention the many agencies working cooperatively in our area in the elderly/handicapped service delivery. Present at the Tenth Anniversary Open House were Dr. Lillian Glickman and staff from Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Social Security-Holyoke Office; Mass. Dept. of Welfare - Holyoke Office; Quaboag Valley Visting Nurse Assoc.; Mary Lane Hospital Elder Day Care; Communications Disorder - University of Mass.; Mercy Hospital Vision Rehabilitation; Holyoke Chicipee Regional Senior Serices Corp., and others. From our community the Police Department, the Housing Authority, Mill Hollow Rental Office personnel; and manned-visual displays of the services of the Senior Center. Attendance by the general public at this Open House was gratifying.

The Council and staff recognize that there exists many elders who are in need of many and varied services, but whom, for many resons we have not reached. It is this area in particular that we seek community involvement in seeking out these persons and joining with the Center in ministering to them. Our yearly Street Lists are valuable, but many do not appear on the listing due, probably to their failure to complete and return the form.

The Councils budget draws upon many funding sources in an attempt to keep our Town Appropriation minimal while at the same time offering comprehensive services for the active elder, the frail and/or homebound elder, and the special needs elder. Hence, the Council's overall operating budget is comprised of:

1. Nutrition Programs (OAAIIC/USDA/State Home Care/ Donations) $152,148.00

2. Transportation Program (Fed/State/Local/Third Party/Participation Fares) $32,065.00

3. Community Employment OAA Title V Program $11,908.00

4. Social Day/In-Home Wellness - EOEA $10,951.00

5. Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assn., Inc. $7,000.00

6. Town Appropriation $42,545.00

TOTAL $256,617.00

In 1985 with Executive Office of Elder Affairs award of $10,591.00, Social Day Care/In Home Wellness became an "official " service at the Senior Center. Many applications were received for the position of Social Day Care Coordinator, and Cynthia McLaughlin was selected by the Council to fill the position. She holds an Associate Degree in Gerontology from STCC and has work experience in Elder Day Care settings. Informally, the inclusion of frail, mobility impaired, disoriented and /or depressed elder in the elders in the Senior Center setting coupled with extensive in-home visits to motivate certain isolated and special needs elders to greater social interaction has been a priority of Center staff since 1975. However, it was not until EOEA funding in 1985 that this greatly needed service became staffed and was able to more fully meet the needs of these special persons. Third party reimbursement, will, we anticipate, offset most of the ongoing cost of this service after the initial funding period.

Our Center did not participate in the University of Mass Intership Program during 1985; due to the fewer Internships available and other departmental changes at the U. of M.

The Council on Aging accepted with regret the resignations in June of Rev. Fr. John Ayers and Winifred Shattuck, both of whom had served two full terms on the Council. We extend to them our gratitude and appreciation. Shirley Dorey and Casimir Owczarski were appointed to the Council by the Selectmen to fill these two vacancies. At the annual Council meeting in June the Council organized with Jayne Slate-Chairperson, Gerald Houlihan-Vice-Chairman, Mary Clauss-Secretary, and Roy King-Treasurer.

The Needs Assessment commenced in 1984 by U of M Graduate School personnel was completed in mid 1985. However, we did not realize the value from this assessment which had been expected due to the limited evaluation of the computer data gathered at this Assessment. It did, however, indicate strongly the interest in more educational seminars/courses; a relatively new area of programming for us.

Based upon the Needs Assessment, initial steps were taken to offer educational programs. In the fall a ten week Local History class with Shaun Bresnahan as Instructor was offered. The reponse was exceptional, bringing a new segment of the population into Center programming. 1986 will see greater emphasis upon development of further programming in this general area.

The fragmentation of elderly/handicapped services from the federal/state level all the way to the community continues to be an obstacle to effective, coordinated, and caring service delivery. Near the close of 1985, major changes in Medicare coverage were experienced when Massachusetts' waiver expired and our State came under a very complicated federal Medicare policy which in essence further limits the length of hospital stay. It is feared that more elders will be discharged "quicker and sicker" and this has prompted us to step up our inter-agency communication and cooperation at the community level to work more effectively to guarantee that elders in our community receive the quality health care they deserve. To this end we function as a community based Information & Referral center to lessen the impact on elders and their families of the complexities of our bureaucracy, and to aid these persons in obtianing the service or services needed.

Again in 1985 we salute our Volunteers! No area of Council programming could exist without these persons. The number of hours given, figured even at minimum wage, would total in the thousands. Hoever, of far greater importance than the dollar value attached to these Volunteers is their caring, empathetic attitude and the number of their peers whose days are brightened by their presence.

Belchertown's cooperative community approach continues to be noteworthy statewide, and is something in which we should all take pride. It occurs on a day to day basis, but was particularly evident in 1985 during "Gloria". Community approach is by no means limited to the branches of our Town government, it extends to Churches, Scouting, Schools, many civic and community groups, and to countless invididuals.

Our Sing-a-long Group each year increases its appearances at area nursing homes, hospitals, and parties of special events including a Dinner Dance which they sponsored. They all enjoy being a part of this "joy spreading" group, their enthusiasm is evident, and they serve as an excellent public relations group for our community.

The federal/state funded Nutrition and Transportaion programs added a shared staff person in July. The Council received many application for this position, and in July they selected Grace Billings to fill the position of Clerk-Dispatcher for these two programs. She has excellent qualifications, having worked previously as Director of the Nutrition program for the state of Alaska, and having held previous positions requiring fiscal and statistical knowledge. Her position is funded equally by the Nutrition and Transportation budgets, and her responsibilities include many tasks previously performed by the Director as well as sole responsibility for dispatching and scheduling transportation, statistical information for the Nutrition program, receiving all incoming calls at the Center, and maintaining fiscal records for the two programs. The value of this added staff person has proven itself in the improved efficiency of scheduling/dispatching, the improved fiscal and statistical data, the efficiency with which in-coming calls are handled. Coupled with this new staff position was the installation of an inter-com system at the Center and the increase from two to three incoming telephone lines.

The OAA IIIC Nutrition program continued with no major staff changes, and until December, with no major program changes. In December many Granby congregate participants commenced attending the newly opened School Lunch Program in Granby. The Belchertown program continues to serve all Granby Home delivered meals clients on a seven day a week basis, and the congregate meal program at the Center continues to be open to all Granby residents wishing to attend. It should be emphasised that no local monies directly support this program. No drop in numbers participating in congregate meals at the Center was noted in the one month of 1985 remaining. The impact that this will have on our funding is not yet evident; based upon the fact that many communities, including Belchetown (Pathfinder), offer both a School Lunch Program and a IIIC proram we are hopeful that it will be minimal. Of far greater concern is the impact that the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Law may have our Nutrition program. Older American Act programs, of which our Nutrition program is one, are expected to experience deep cuts as a result of this federal budget balancing law. Federal impact upon our Nutrition program in 1985 was the reduction by .055 cents a meal in USDA cash reimbursement received.

Transportation, funded with federal, state, and local monies, receives income from participant fares, third party reimbursements, and for Nutrition program use of the vehicles. At the end of June Armand Beaudry, our Van driver, retired. His years of service and his enthusiasm for his job was recognized at a retirement party attended by Council, staff, and members of other Town departments. Many applications for this postion were received and Sharon Zukowski was selected by the Council to fill this position. It was an excelent selection for she has demonstrated exceptional ability and a caring concern for the riders. Transportation continues to be probably one of the most important services for a small segment of our elders for it guarantees them mobility which they would not have without this service. In early 1985, using EOEA 1984 grant money, our van, Town sedan, and Center office were equipped with two-way radio communicatons tied into the town band which allows us, in an emergency, to contact other department. In eight months of use this two-way communications has saved appreciable amounts in time and mileage. Throughout 1985 we awaited the delivery of our new PVTA liftequipped van which had been expected by mid-year. Delivery is anticipated in early 1986.

Health related services offered by and through the Center continued to emphasize the Wellness concept, and drew upon the expertise of many health professionals. Health related services included monthly blood pressure clinics at the Center and at St. Adalbert's, monthly podiatry service at the Center, monthly diabetic monitoring annual influenza clinic, exercise, programs, swimming, individual health counseling, and health related seminars, films and workshops. A positive attitude emphasizing wellness and an active lifestyle is fostered. Swimming, so beneficial for elders especially when coupled with water exercises, we anticipate expanding to a minimum of three times a week upon the completion of the Chestnut Hill School. Support groups for for persons suffering from stroke and persons with low vision were commenced in 1985; others are expected to be formed in 1986.

Activities cover a wide range from active to passive: from bowling, cross-country skiing, and swimming to cards, crafts, and painting. Addition of new and different activities is usually in response to an expressed interest by elders. Day trips and extended trips together with the large choice of activities are the entry point for many into the program/services at the Center. A sizable amount of income is realized each year through sale of craft items made by the many seniors. In 1985 this figure exceeded $1,700.00.

Emphasis upon educational seminars, courses, and lectures commenced in 1985 and even greater involvement is anticipated in 1986. "Elderhostel", an educational program offered my countless colleges and universities world wide is slowly gaining the interest of more and more seniors each year. Advocacy and involvement in the legislative process, through emphasized by staff, does not seem to gain sizable following amoung the elders.

Outreach is an area in which there is great need for more extensive coverage. Center staff, in so far as time permits, visit many of our frail home-bound elders. Daily delivery of home delivered meals reach about 40 to 45 elders giving momentary contact with a visitor. Concentrated in-home visits on a small group of homebound elders to stimulate more socialization and involvement has been carried out during 1985 as a part of the Center's Social Day Care program. Time constraints prevent the Center from carying out an Outreach program which would adequaately serve our homebound elders. It is in this area that the Center plans to devote more time and energy in 1986.

Information & Referral encompasses a wide range of one-on-one services as well as group informational meetings. Keeping abreast of the rapid changes in social services and in governmental regulations is very time consuming. Under this general heading come health insurance forms and claims, Social Security, SSI, Welfare, housing matters, and other individual situations. Also included are inter-agency referrals made by staff in order to more fully meet the elder's needs. A great number of staff hours are spent in this personalized service.

Distribution of government surplus food to needy households on a community-wide basis continued during 1985. With the exception of minimal staff time to administer the program, all workers involved in the distribution are volunteers. The Council again served as the local agency to receive fuel assistance applications for all elderly/handicapped Belchertown residents. Additional homes were insulated and heating system maintenance performed in conjunction with this federal/state assistance program. Other services are offered on a special need basis as the Council/Senior Center seek to best serve our community. Being the one Town department involved specifically in human services, we do not limit our concerns and services to the elderly/handicapped. In 1985 an increasing number of non-elderly concerns/problems were addressed. These we anticipate will continue to increase as mobility of population from community to community

The Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assn., Inc. continued throughout 1985 "to fund programs and services of the Belchertown Council on Aging"; this being the sole purpose of the Association. Operating costs of the Senior Center totaling just over $7,000.00 were paid by the Association. Memorial and individual gifts to the Association are used for Center equipment, and in 1985 this money was used to purchase a VCR/TV for Center programming.
Membership is maintained in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors, and the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging. Staff members serve on the Holyoke Chicopee Regional Senior Service Corp.'s Board of Directors and on the Area Agency Advisory Board.

The Council and staff look to 1986 fully aware that the federal budget balancing will produce challenges for us in maintaining program funding, but at the same time determined that the services offered and the focal point that the Senior Center has become in so many lives will not be jeopardized. We live in a community in which we can take pride. The community support from all segments which made our first ten years of growth and service possible has proven that Belchertown "pulls together". As we enter our second decade, we look with confidence to the continuation of the Center's focal point in the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise C. Wadsworth, Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission, a volunteer board comprised of seven members, continued to be chaired by Cheryl Pinkham until December of this year. Kathy Ruhf was voted to be chair for the coming year.

During 1985 the Commission's primary activities centered on administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL 131 s. 40)under which the commission has the responsibility of reviewing and directing any activity within the wetland boundaries of the town. To this end the Conservation Commission reviewed 22 Notices of Intent, issued 11 Enforcement Orders, wrote 22 Orders of Conditions, and made approximately 100 site visits.

The Commission also assumes responsibility for a paid staff person who is available at the Conservation Commission office to answer questions from the public and provide assistance to Commission members for numerous projects.

Three major projects, begun in previous years, were completed during 1985: a hydrogeological study, the Clean Lakes Study, and the final draft of the Open Space Plan. Each of these provides the Commission and the town with valuable information about the Town's natural resources and/or makes it possible for the town to receive State and Federal funding for appropriate land acquisition assistance.

The Belchertown Conservation Commission is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, the Conservation Law Foundation, New England Small Farms Institute Advisory Committee, and the Kestrel Trust. Each has provided technical information during the year; the Commission has also used the expertise of the Soil Conservation Service, the Hampshire Conservation District, and the Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Besides the above activities, the Conservation Commission organized a workshop with DEQE to deliver information about the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act for local realtors and town boards, attended MACC, Conservation District and NESFI annual meetings, considered State bills concerned with State conservation efforts, and developed a a professional relationship with DEM regarding the forest cutting plans.

The Conservation Commission voted to hold two regular meetings each month to keep up with the increased work load. The new Conservation Commission assistant, Pamela Harvey, maintains regular working hours, two days a week.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Pinkham

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

The Belchertown Mobile Home Rent Control Board began 1985, with a myriad of problems confronting it. Over the next twelve months the members of the embattled Board struggled through 26 meetings, 3 executive sessions, and 13 public hearing in an attempt to adjust rents fairly and deal with evictions equitably. In addition to this vast expenditure of time, both in and out of meetings, members of the board were the subject of no less than four lawsuits by those unhappy with its decisions.

In the matter of rent adjustments, the Board first dealt with the $90.00 requested increase from Sportshaven Park. After long deliberations and a liberal allowance for operating expenses, the Board allowed a $30.00 per month increase. This resulted in a lawsuit and a remand from the court ordering the Board to allow for a return on investment. The Board, having no choice but to address those economic areas called for in the court order, to the exclusion of others, then granted a change in the increase in the rent adjustment from $30.00 to $41.83 per month. Sportshaven Park thereupon, brought another lawsuit against the Board because of this latest decision, which is still pending.

The Board then dealt with the $60.00 per month rent increase requested by Pine Valley Plantation. After several public hearings and many long hours it allowed for a $10.00 per month increase. It made this decision using the consumer price index to arrive at its adjustments. The Board felt that an increase was in order, but because of this "failure of the Petitioner to produce three years of financial statements ...as required by the Boards Rules and Regulations, Section 8A," it would be necessary to use CPI for adjustment - a practice utilized by Pine Valley Plantation in the past. This 20 page decision was also greeted with a lawsuit which is still pending.

In addition to the above, the members had to act on these applications for eviction. One was settled through the mediation of the Board with satisfaction on both sides. The two other were decided in favor of the park owners, one of which has resulted in a lawsuit which is still pending.

Further, the Board dealt with the growing problem of a heavy workload, and increased expenses for legal fees. As a result, a public hearing was held and the Rules and Regulations were amended to include a filing fee for all new applications for both evictions and rent adjustments. The revenue from such fees, it was felt, will go a long way towards meeting the cost of the Board's operations.

Lastly, the Board wishes to thank its attorney, John J.

Green, for all his expert assistance in its time of troubles. Attorney Green has worked hard and long with the members to save the town from much litigation, and notwithstanding the above, has done a fine job in protecting the town's interests. Because of him we are on sound legal foundation in all our present endeavors. It should also be pointed out that he has done much work for the Board at "no charge" and has placed a maximum limit on his charges to the town regardless of the situation.

At years end the Board enters the new year with a feeling of confidence that its successful battles of 1985, along with good legal advise, has put it in good stead for 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

William Barnett, Secretary

BELCHERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority has one 48 unit elderly housing complex. The project, Everett Acres, was built and is administered by the Authority under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 667 Elderly Housing Program Eligibility for housing is based on age or handicap and income. The current maximum annual net income for eligibility is $12,096 for one person and $13,824 for a couple.

Tenants in occupancy pay twenty-five percent of their net income for rents including all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $132 per month. The anticipated income for Fiscal 1986 is estimated at $78,990. Operating expenses are budgeted at $89,886 with an anticipated deficit of $10,896. Any actual deficit, excluding non-utility budget overruns, will be fully funded by the state and paid directly to the Authority. The Authority receives no funds from the Town of Belchertown.

Everett Acres is fully occupied with a waiting list of four eligible applicants. Due to the extremely low number of eligible applicattions filed in the past year, the Authority will have to advertise the availability of the units for the first time since initial occupancy thirteen years ago.

The Authority also has direct administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Program for Existing Housing. Under this program the Authority assist low income elderly, disabled or handicapped persons or families in paying their rents. Eligible persons are issued a certificate or participation and may rent privately owned apartments anywhere in the community that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay 30% of their income for rents and utilities, and the Authority pays the balance each month directly to the landlord.

The budget for the Housing Allowance for Fiscal 1986 is $99,525 with full funding provided by the Federal Government. All units allocated under the program have been filled and a waiting list is maintained.

During the past year, the Authority has continued to work toward securing state approvals to begin construction of housing for 6 handicapped persons under a Chapter 689 grant which was received in 1982. These units will be developed in conjunction with Shelton's Inc., a local non-profit agency providing services for the mentally handicapped. Our architect, Margo Jones of Greenfield, has completed initial planning through the preliminary design stage. Unfortunately the Authority was unable to secure E.O.C.D. approval to act on the option to buy an East Walnut Street site before its expiration in October. E.O.C.D. has authorized new appraisals, and once they are completed, will determine the feasibility of taking the property by Eminent Domain.

In December of 1984, the Authority received a $27,473 Modernization grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Communities and Development. A portion of the grant was used for renovations of the electrical distribution panels at Everett Acres. The work was completed in April of this year and performed by ECM Electrical Contractors of Holyoke, the low bidder. A balance of funds remains in the account to be utilized for blacktop repairs at Everett Acres.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Housing Authority
Thomas C. Kubacki, Chairman
William C. Carmody
Mary S. Pratt
John W. Avery
I. Ira Shattuck

VETERANS' AGENT

The end of another year and in the past year the work load has increased more than I had anticipated.

This is due to the increase in population in part, and the older veterans' moving into the mobile home park.

We have eleven veterans on services compared to six, December of 1984. This is an average, as we have Veterans apply and we give them help and in two or three months they are back to work.

If a veteran is physically unable to work, we try to get him covered under non-service connected disability or social security.

Although my office hours are from 6 until 8 on Tuesday night, I take phone calls at home and meet with veterans during the day when they need me. I usually spend quite a few hours a week, during the day, taking care of paperwork and making phone calls. Each year the work load for each case increases.

The Veterans' Association and the Commissioner are continually working to continue the 75% refunding to the cities and towns.

As your Veterans' Agent I will continue to try to help the veterans' in need and control the expenditures to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle R. Green
Veterans' Agent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Belchertown Historical Commission has spent several years researching and summarizing information on Belchertown's history. Listing these historic resources is a major objective of the commission.

Our activities this past year have taken new direction--action. A number of projects have been chosen by the Commission that will use the data gathered in the past to protect these resources in the future.

Belchertown was accepted by the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission as one of two towns in Western Massachusetts selected to participate in a grant project that would protect and preserve historically and archaeologically significant areas. We have been working with a preservation to assist us in developing recommendations for protection of scenic areas.

The Commission has been most concerned with the Ludlow Savings Bank's acquisition of another building on Main Street in the center of the Historic District and an approximate additional 17 acres of land to the rear of their present complex. Because of the location, any plans to develop the site will have serious impact on the integrity of the Historic District and Main Street traffic. The local Commission has written to the President of the bank expressing its concerns and requesting information regarding development of their holdings in our town's center, which now total approximately 23 acres extending from Main Street to Howard Street and to the rear of properties along Maple and Jackson streets. Neither the local commissions letters nor a letter in support of our position from the Massachusetts Historical Commission have ever been acknowledged by the Ludlow Savings Bank. This apparent lack of sensitivity for local concerns on the part of a corporation with such extensive holdings in our town's center is viewed with anxiety by the Commission.

Belchertown has over two centuries of written history. Much of that official history is in the form of vital records (birth, marriage, and death records), town meeting warrants, and documents relating to action taken by officers of the town.

Over the years the ink has faded and the paper has deteriorated from mildew and chemicals deposited through frequent handling. The records are in poor condition. In fact, many are literally falling apart.

The Commission has made the preservation and protection of these irreplacable documents a priority for the coming year. We have consulted with restoration experts and Town Clerk George Bach to determine what course of action will see these records through their third century. Recommendations will be made at a town meeting for immediate attention. If something is not done soon, history could be erased!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Hansbury Jr.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The road work on North Washington Street at the underpass has been completed. Trees and brush were cut on both sides. The slopes were also cut back and the wood chipped. Eight hundred feet of pipe and four catch basins were installed. The road was widened approximately two feet and black topped. This work was done to improve the visibility and eliminate the water and ice problem we have had for a number of years.

A lot of time was spent at the new Day Care Center. It was the Highway Departments responsibility to do all the excavating and grading most of which has been done. In the spring the lawn will be seeded the parking lot will be graded and oil and stone put on. This will also be done by the Highway Department.

Work on secondary roads such as cleaning ditches, replacing culvert pipes, cutting and chipping brush will continue approximately one mile on Goodell Street. It was widened, graveled, oil surfaced with two coats of oil and stone. The remainder of the road will be done in the spring. One mile of Stebbins Street was black topped. Approximately five miles of road was sealed with oil and stone.

The remainder of the winter when the crews are not sanding and plowing snow will be spent cutting and chipping brush on as many roads as possible. Last year the town purchased a new chipper. This has saved a lot of money in man hours. The chips are stock piled at the Highway Department and sanitary landfill to be used when needed. Residents of town who are looking for chips for their private use should contact me at the Town Garage. They will have to pick them up as we do not deliver.

In the spring the section of Bay Road from Metacomet Street to Rita Lane will be rebuilt. This was not done last year because of other projects of a higher priority.

A special note of thanks is extended to all other town departments, town residents and Herbert Squires, who is liasion for the Highway Department, for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Dodge
Highway Superintendent

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

As Belchertown experiences the second part of a decade of growth, we continue to be faced with many challenges. Our school system is identifying and meeting these challenges. Academic and athletic recognition has resulted in a "can do" spirit, a sense of pride, accomplishment and direction.

The achievements of our staff and students would not be possible without the support of the community. Parents, staff, students, and taxpayers working together have declared the education of our youth as a high priority for our community. The School Committee recognizes this support and will continue working with you to insure our sytem maintains this high standard.

An Honors Program was instituted for qualified to students pursue academic goals on a more advanced level. This program will be expanded in some areas to include Juniors. Programs instituted last year are continuously being evaluated and adapted to more successfully meet our students needs. The Council on Aging is working with teachers of our Social Studies Department to be involved in local history courses.

The retirements of our Special Needs Director, Music Director, and Middle School Principal resulted in major changes. These individuals have served our students well and will be sorely missed.

This year a Paternity Leave was granted to one of our elementary teachers, a first for our system.

Re-organization for the middle school is being developed through and by the middle school staff. This is a grass roots endeavor designed to create an academic environment uniquely suited to our community. It is an exciting time for everyone involved and we are looking forward to meeting the challenges.

Throughout the years this School Committee has sought and received input from many citizens. We have all worked together and the result is a continuing commitment to our future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Rhodes
Chairperson

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The School District continued to show one of the highest SAT records and also one of the most improved. The Oriole Scholar program witnessed increased competition for the ten scholarships to take college courses. All scholars successfully completed their courses and showed an average grade of B for their efforts. These scholars attended the University of Massachusetts, American International College, Springfield College, and John Hopkins Academy.

The School Department won five study grants for innovative programs, the maximum allowed. The School Nurse had developed and expanded a thorough and comprehensive elementary health program emphasizing anti-drug, cigarettes, and alcohol material. This is the third year Mrs. Ayers has won grant money to continue this program.

The middle school project has commanded much of our attention. Mr. Eastman's absence caused great concern. Mr. Millett and Oparowski have helped fill in until a new principal can be named. Harvard University's Graduate School of Eduction has taken over the training of the new middle school faculty with outstanding results. The opening of the new school will move Belchertown's facilities into one of the better buildings in the area.

The winning athletic program has given the student body a new image, that of a winner. It makes a difference.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Byard
Superintendent of Schools

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The updated High School student handbook was issued to all students. It contained a major change in our school attendance policy, which I might add, has resulted in an improved student attendance. Other changes of note were a new rotation of periods a new promotion and credits required for graduation beginning with the class of 1989. In grades nine and ten, academic honors programs were initiated in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The High School Social Studies M E E D project received second place awards in the nation and first place in the state. The school was honored by the presentation of awards at a ceremony that took place at the State House by Governor Michael S. Dukakis. Miss Towhee Veronisi, a sophomore honors student, won third place in a writing contest sponsored by the Holyoke Transcript. Other school-community activities held were our annual Christmas concert, Science Fair, Red Cross Bloodmobile, participation in Fair Day, and Memorial Day exercises, and annual Athletic Banquet. Our athletic programs continually improve in participation by students and are successful as evidenced by our Soccer team, coached by James Waddell, which won the League Championship and went on into the playoffs. Mr. Michael Bauer was appointed the new Director of Music. Our music students continually are selected for All District and All State Music Festivals.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Rokas, Principal

ELEMENTARY SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

The enrollment by grades in the Belchertown Schools is as follows (as of December 31, 1985):

Grades	Boys	Girls	Total
K	66	83	149
1	53	57	110
2	52	71	123
3	70	59	129
4	48	47	95
5	58	43	101
6	57	53	110
TOTAL	404	413	817

During the year 1985 the educational process of the elementary schools underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.
Some of the recommendations that have been implemented or will be implemented in the future are as follows:

1. More effective use of the existing school day.

2. Stronger discipline.

3. Higher standards and expectations.
4. More meaningful homework.

5. Improvement of writing and penmanship.

6. More emphasis on critical thinking skills.

7. Higher standards for promotion.

8. Available enrichment programs.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of th educational process is on th individual child rather tha on groups of children of th same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary School Syste is a commitment to th development of the whole chil according to each one's need and unique learning styles The educational process wil focus itself on full respec for human worth and dignity.

The goals for the Belchertow Elementary Schools remain a in other years:

1. To accord dignity to th learner by respecting him as person, by individualizi instruction in a manner whic allows him to learn accordi to a style that fits hi needs, abilities, and persona fulfillment.

2. To expand and advance th humane dimensions of al learners by the cultivation o spiritual, moral, and ethica values and attitudes.

3. To develop in each learne the basic skills needed fo communication, perceptio evaluation, and concepualization of ideas. Among the mos important are readin writing, speaking, listenin visual and computationa skills.

4. To provide each learne with varied opportunities t nurture interests, to discove and to develop natura

talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowlege and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well - being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

The results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills were most satisfying. Our third graders scored high again placing in the 96th precentile nationally.

One of the highlights of the year was Grandparents' Day. Grandparents were treated to a musical, plays and activities that they could share with their grandchildren.

The Arts were not neglected as the fifth and sixth grade chorus and elementary band combined to present "Freedom Bound" a multi-media musical production which played to sell-out audiences in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Barrett
Elementary Supervising
Principal

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committe presents this report for 1985. Membeship of the committee remained unchanged and continued under the leadership Chairman Marceline B. Matrow of Monson.

Opening day enrollment increased slightly to 495 students, of whom 65 were from Belchertown, 89 from Monson, 16 from New Braintree, and 160 from Palmer. The remaining 165 out-of-district students represented 13 communities: Chicopee, Granby, Hampden, Hardwick, Longmeadow, Ludlow, North Brookfield, Oakham, South Hadley, Springfield, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield. In an effort to increase enrollment, 154 new students were accepted for September admission; 125 were freshmen.

Pathfinder embarked upon a major recruiting effort for the current school year. A proposal for a public relations display was funded by the Division of Occupational Education. This exhibit - highlighting academic and vocational opportunities at the school - was placed in prominent locations throughout the community, including a week at the Eastern States Exposition.

The professional staff remained essentially unchanged and included 19 academic teachers, 31 vocational shop and related teachers, 13 special needs personnel and 2 counselors. Also unchanged was the administrative staff of 6, although the committee was pleased to promote Lawrence J. Berte to Director of Guidance and to authorize the employment of a Director of Cooperative Education, a position which was eliminated during the first year of Proposition 2 1/2.

Although there were a number of notable program efforts during the year, the committee wishes to especially recognize those advances which were made through the utilization of outside resources. In several instances, the school was able to respond to critical educational or employment needs.

With the passage of P.L. 98-524, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, new directions were prescribed in federal vocational funds. Pathfinder applied for, and received, grants to assist disadvantaged and handicapped students in the areas of English and mathematics. Not only were staff members hired to emphasize important writing and computational skills, but courses in computational math were professionally re-written to make them more suitable for students being served.

Additional funding under the Perkins Act was secured to enable students in the electrical program to learn about solar and conventional heating units,and to learn the basic electrical components and other technological factors associated with these devices. For the electronicis program, equipment was purchased to enable those students to learn the design and application of laser technology, optoelectronics, and fiber optics principles.

Two specialized programs for adults were developed in response to local needs. In cooperation with the Division of Employment Security, Pathfinder designed an adult re-training program to accommodate workers who were laid off due to a local plant closing in Monson. Twenty adults took advantage of offerings in automotive repair, word processing, and machine shop. Classes ran full-time during the summer and part-time in the fall.

The second program included introductory and intermediate automotive training courses developed at the strong suggestion of the general advisory committee and in response to a growing need in this field. Funds were awarded from the Division of Occupational Education to train adults on a short-term, intensive basis. From these monies the school was also able to purchase two major pieces of equipment: a valve guide and seat reconditioning machine and a center lift hoist for front wheel drive vehicles.

To continue our goal of encouraging and increasing vocational recruitment and non-traditional placement, Pathfinder staff won grant monies to again offer a summer exploratory program for eighth grade students in 10 vocational shop areas. A second proposal to train selected teachers in methods and techniques of encouraging non-traditional placement was also funded and is being developed in conjunction with Assabet Valley Regional and Worcester Vocational Schools.

Two other specialized staff development programs are worthy of mention. To provide teachers with strategies of dealing with student behavior problems, a Commonwealth In-Service Grant was secured. These monies supported a course in the psychology of adolescence through Westfield State College, and participants focused on developing ways of dealing with classroom disorders.

Finally, an imaginative program to acquaint carpentry instructors with techniques of fine wood carving was also selected for funding by the Commonwealth In-Service Institute. Programs supported by the Institute must be created and organized exclusively by teachers.

During 1985 Pathfinder received continued Chapter 74 approval for all of its vocational programs based upon the comprehensive evaluation conducted the previous November. One important outcome of this evaluation was the expansion of the computer programming shop to four years, thereby enabling approximately 20 more students to study this field and to add additional programming languages to the curriculum.

Pathfinder continued to undertake student work projects in several areas in response to requests from towns and civic groups. The carpentry department, in addition to the annual house building project, constructed voting booths and coat racks for the New Braintree Town Hall. Electrical students rewired and installed energy efficient lighting fixtures in several Palmer Public School buildings and also performed electrical work for the Palmer Police Department.

After several years of innovation in academic course offerings, the staff this year concentrated on refining the courses already in the curriculum. In keeping with the plan adopted in 1984, however, one social studies elective in psychology was introducted.

Special education services were provided to 153 students and included psychological counseling, speech and language therapy, classroom monitoring, and assistance in shop areas. The 502.4 program served 44 of these students in 5 shops and continued to be a model for state-wide emulation.

The afternoon program provided vocational opportunities to students in the areas of automotive mechanics, culinary arts, and machine shop. The program, now in its sixth year of operation, continued to provide an invaluable service in meeting the needs of students not succeeding in the traditional school setting.

Project ACCES, in cooperation with the Hampden County Manpower Consortium, provided work experience to students who might otherwise have left school. Public and private sector job placements afforded work experiences to the students.

Pathfinder continued its commitment to serving local institutionalized and community retarded students by means of service delivery contracts with state agencies. Through three distinct programs located at Belchetown State School, Monson Developmental Center, and Lulow High School, students were provided fundamental and vocational life skills.

The school committe adopted an operating and maintenance budget of $2,507,667.00 for FY1986. Anticipated state aid includied for the third consecutive year a level funded Chapter 70 figure - and tuition income resulted in initial assessments to member towns as follows:

Belchertown	$159,925.29
Monson	$263,580.55
New Braintree	$ 41,462.11
Palmer	$506,430.05

All four town meetings approved these assessments. They were later reduced by a total of $32,964.00.

School Committee Chairman Marceline B. Matrow presented diplomas and vocational certificates to 109 students at graduation ceremonies in June 1985. Fifty-eight percent of the class found employment in their various trade or were planning to further their education. An additional seventeen percent found job opportunities outside their field, and eight percent were entering a branch of military service. Scholarships totaling $7,450.00 were awarded at the annual graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marceline B. Matrow, Monson
Chairman

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a joint effort of the Belchertown, Ware and Pelham Boards' of Health. It was established to provide the constituent towns with high quality services with a high degree of availability. It has served as a model for similar developments in this area.

All of the constituent towns are experiencing growth and development which make the Health District more useful. The year 1985 saw a major increase in percolation tests and inspections related to new sanitary installations.

New food regulations came into effect and are written in the new issue of Chapter X Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments. The purpose of these regulations is to improve the food safety by requiring good food handling practices in restaurants and supermarkets. As part of the program school cafeterias are inspected, and we are pleased to note they were found to be very clean.

Housing inspections conducted during the year 1985 revealed some violations. The majority of which were cracked/broken windows, no storm windows, no storm doors, wiring and plumbing. The plumbing violations were referred to the Planning Inspector and the wiring violations were referred to the Electrical Inspector.

"Perc" season played a major role in the Health Officers schedule. As noted further in this report a total of 618 per test/deep holes were conducted in the three towns. Because the 1986 season promises to be as extensive, the Board of Directors has adopted some new policies for the 1986 season which will increase the efficiency of the operation. Copies of these regulations can be obtained at the Board of Health office in Ware, Belchertown and the Rhodes Building in Pelham.

Along with the very real growth in the three towns came the problem of clearing the land for these homes and also the continuous problem of removing the stump and brush from these lots. This is becoming a problem not only for the towns in the District but also for the towns and cities in the state.

In 1986 season looks to be as busy, if not busier, than 1985. In order to aid the towns the Board of Directors has developed a scheme which will allow for the use of another qualified inspector on a subcontract basis.

The District thanks the towns for their support in the past and looks forward to serving them in the future.

The following table lists the major activities conducted in each town:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Tests/Deep Holes	390	175	53
Septic Inspections	117	35	27
Housing Inspections	10	43	1
Housing Reinspections	9	24	0
Food Service Inspections	42	40	2
Food Service Reinspections	3	2	0
Retail Food Inspections	29	26	6
Retail Food Reinspections	2	0	0
Bakery Inspections	3	2	0
Nuisance Inspections	15	18	2
Nuisance Reinspections	15	7	0
Hearings	0	1	0
Court Appearances	0	1	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	5	0
Lead Paint Reinsepctions	0	3	5
Communicable Disease Investigation	10	0	0
Camp Inspections	2	0	4
Well Sites	0	0	11
Water Samples	2	4	2
School Cafeteria Inspections	4	4	2

Respectfully submitted,

David Zarozinski
Health Officer
Quabbin Health District

BOARD OF HEALTH

For the Board of Health, 1985 was a very busy year. By all indications 1986 will be even more productive.

In 1985 perc tests and deep holes have more than doubled the number of tests done in 1984. Building of new homes had doubled and subdivisions are being erected in several sections of town.

In the past years, the Board has been kept active by reviewing plans for new homes and septic systems.

We, as the Board, feel that we have maintained quality service and insured the public of a healthy community.

As we have heard through the grapevine, 1986 promises to be an even bigger and busier year especially for new homes and subdivisions.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Lamacchia, Jr.
Member, Board of Health

QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report for 1985

Nursing Visits	1,710
Physical Therapy Visits	286
Homemaker/Homehealth Aide Visits -33 patients	1,759
Homemaker/Homehealth Aide Hours	3,509
Maternal & Child Visits	2

Eighty-three (83) Geriatric Nurse Practitioner visits and two hundred and ninety-six (296) Homehealth aide hours were possible through a Title III Grant under the Elder American Act. The Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund was utilized for seven hundred and forty-two and one quarter Homehealth aide hours (742 1/4) and serviced seven (7) patients.

The Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Program is funded by the Holyoke/Chicopee Regional Senior Services Corporation with 25% matching funds by by the Quaboag Valley Nurse Association.

THE GERIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER:

Gives help to people 60 and over who have health problems not covered by insurance such as Alzheimer, Arthritis, Parkinson's Emphysema, Depression, Geriatric Problems.

Is able to follow health problems when Medicare no longer covers but health needs exist.

Manages stable, chronic and minor acute illness or conditions afflicting older adults.

Collaborates with other health care professionals to provide optimal care to the older population.

Provides individual health assessment, emergency care, health teaching, and disease prevention care so patients can reach the maximum level of functioning.

THE VISITING NURSE:

Gives health care to all age groups.

Works closely with area and town physicians to provide the best health care possible.

Plans health programs for people 60 and older with Senior Center personnel.

Makes daily stops at the senior center to pick up messages and referrals.

Makes maternal and child health visits for the Board of Health.

Works with the communicable disease nurse whenever necessary, and makes public-health follow- ups.

Utilizes town resources and town organizations.

Offers blood-sugar readings to diabetic patients with a glucometer, bought by the Belchertown Lions Club. This instrument makes it possible to offer more frequent diabetic screening programs.

The visiting nurse carries a

beeper and can be reached by calling 283-9715 or 283-7651.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Tyburski, R.N. G.N.P.

REPORT OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AND ANIMAL BITES

Animal Bites	20
Chicken Pox	2
Amebiasis Histalica	3
Giardia Lambra	5
Gonorrhea	2
Hepatitis	1
Meningitis	2
Salmonellosis	2
Streptococcal Infection	41

Respectfully submitted,

Charolotte P. Ketchen, R.N.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Again this year the Mainteenance Department had a busy schedule.

Major repairs in town were rebuilding of rotten eves on roof at old highway garage, reshingling of roof and painting of building.

Department built two new sections of dock for use at the town beach.

Refinished floor and painted walls of balcony in Lawrence Memorial Hall. I did cabinet work and shelving at the Police Station for new computer and video equipment, also repainted jail cells.

Set-up a base and erected a flag pole at Memorial softball field. Built a roof over the dog runs at the town dog pound, relaced broken windows and sash, clapboards and trim painted what we repaired.

Found and fixed roof leaks on school roof at Lawrence Memorial Hall and Police Station.

Both girls and boys restrooms in Old Town Hall were repainted. We started painting the outside of the boiler room at Old Town Hall, and also the inside of the bath house at the Town Beach will be finished first thing come spring.

Presently we are finishing up odds and ends and doing whatever we can to get the new Day Care Center off to good start.

Aside from this we had our daily lawn mowing, ball fields, town beach and general maintenance to do.

Again this year thanks to the Highway Department for help on some of our jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

William "Gus" Linde
Maintenance/Craftsman

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the cemetery department for the calendar year 1985:

We performed a total of twenty-one burials in 1985. The following sums of money were turned back to the town:

Sale of cemetery lots:
$1,400.00
Perpetual Care:
$ 600.00
Opening Charge:
$2,250.00

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Cook

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

During the year of nineteen eight-five, the efforts of the Recreation Department were directed towards the continued improvement of recreational opportunity for the residents of Belchertown.

The Recreation Department is staffed by two full-time employees, but supplemented by many part-time employees who make it possible for us to continue to offer a variety of programs in cooperation with other agencies in town. This cooperation and supoort is greatly appreciated and has resulted in the upgrading of many of our existing programs.

The major objective of the Recreation Department is to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages in order to meet the recreational needs of the community. This objective could not have been met as adequately, without the assistance of Robin Law, who since beginning her job in May of 1984 as Recreation Supervisor, has been a very positive addition to the Recreaton Department. She has improved the summer playground program by reorganizing the activities to include a large number of youngsters. Some new programs Robin has planned are:
cross country skiing, canoe instruction, swimnastics, aquatic games, Senior Citizen therapeutic swim, orienteering and biking.

With the addition of the new Middle School facilities that include: a middle school, competition pool, tennis courts, outside basketball courts, outside volleyball courts, track, soccer field, hiking trails, two softball/little league fields and picnic pavillion, the Recreation Department will be able to offer many new programs. Some of the programs that will be available because of these facilities are: year-round swim instruction, swim team, swimnastics, aquatic games, Senior Citizen therapeutic swim, outdoor basketball, tennis, gymnastics, track and ice skating. Also at this location there will be a maintenance and storge barn. This will be valuable in the storage of equipment needed at this site, and will eliminate transporting equipment from other areas.

Recreation Departments have a mandate to offer programs that meet the leisure needs of all ages within the community. Our most important service is programing and the following is a list of the programs that were offered this past year: Instructional baseball, organized baseball leagues for kids ages 7-18, summer playground, swim lessons, arts and crafts, CPR, babysitting, guitar lessons, photography classes, self defense, organized basketball leagues for boys and girls in grade 5 - 8, instructional basketball, Senior Citizen exercise, aerobics for fitness, instrucctional soccer, organized soccer leagues for boys and girls in grades 5-8, indoor soccer, cross country skiing, women's softball, men's softball, coed softball and youth golf teams.

Some of the new programs to be offered, other than the ones already mentioned earlier in this report, are: pre-school playtime, basic first aid, babysitting course, kite workshop and camping.

There were many special events put on by the Recreation Department in 1985. These were: the Belchertown Oktoberfest Road Race (co-sponsored by the VFW), Awards picnic (co-sponsored by the VFW), 5th 6th, and 7th grade dances, a penny carnival, puppet show, rollerskating trips and a summer trip to the water slide at Mt. Tom.

A source of assistance that we do not want to overlook is the generosity of the people who volunteered their time and the sponsors who helped make our athletic teams a success. I would especially like to thank all the people who volunteered to coach our baseball, basketball and soccer teams.

The sponsors of our programs were: Clark's Sport Shop, Choquetts Market, J & J Coin-A-Matic, Lioness Club, Don Cole, Frank's Lawnmower Service, Stebbins Construction, Reece Auto Body, Don's Auto Service, Mill Valley Splicing, Henrichon Electric, Red's Pool, VFW, Bell & Hudson, Springs Lounge, D.H. Jones, Asplundh, Hampshire Steel, T.S. Morgan Bake, McCarthys, Village Package, American Legion, Belchertown Pharmacy, Conkey Lumber, New Towne House, Ludlow Bank, Bill McCourt (New England Liquors), Elder Lumber, State Line Potato Chips, Snow's Country Store, Quabbin Service, McCusker's Market & Deli, Swift River Crafts, Interskate 91, Hair Dynamics, Belchertown Florists, Belchertown Bicycle Shop, Apollo Pizza, Quabbin Donuts and Abdows.

All facilities that are now being operated by the Recreation Department are fully used. Gus Linde, head of the Maintenance Department,has done an excellent job maintaining these facilities which include: the Old Town Hall, Town Beach, Parson's Field, Cold Spring Field, the Austin-Gaughan Softball Field, and High School Fields.

Publicity for our programs is done through a monthly recreation newsletter, school flyers, write-ups in the Holyoke Transcript, Springfield Morning and Daily News Springfield Union, Amherst Record and the Sentinel. Special events are announced on several area stations, and posters are put up at various locations throughout the town.

Again I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in helping make the Recreation Department's year a success. The Recreation Committe and I welcome any suggestions and/or criticism about the department and its programs. We would like to invite you to attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, held at the Old Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Knapp
Recreation Director

Robin Law
Assistant Director

JURORS DRAWN FROM 1984 - 1985 LIST

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE DRAWN	JURY SERVICE
Armata, James E.	305 Federal St.	Jan. 2, 1985	Traverse Jur
Beaver, Cordelia	281 C. Walker St.	Jan. 2, 1985	Traverse Jur
Dunbar, Arthur L.	66 Chadbourne Rd.	Jan. 2, 1985	Traverse Jur
McCarron, Joy S.	480 C. Walker St.	Jan. 2, 1985	Traverse Jur
Rae, Douglas G.	161 Federal St.	Jan. 2, 1985	Traverse Jur
Fay, Donald L.	35 Grela Terrace	Jan. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Legault, John Francis	165 Railroad St.	Jan. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Lapointe, Rita E.	40 Boardman Rd.	Jan. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Mathey, Raymond B.	281 C. Walker St.	Jan. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Nadeau, Daniel H.	595 Bardwell St.	Jan. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Daniels, Dennis A.	23 Depot St.	Feb. 19, 1985	Traverse Jury
Hatchard, David R.	81 North St.	Feb. 19, 1985	Traverse Jury
Lemire, Diane M.	538 Federal St.	Feb. 19, 1985	Traverse Jury
Sliva, Frederic L.	20 Sherwood Drive	Feb. 19, 1985	Traverse Jury
Veloso, Darlene H.	734 Daniel Shays H'way	Feb. 19, 1985	Traverse Jury
Brewer, Elizabeth	16 Old Farm Road	March 11, 1985	Traverse Jury
Lafaille, Jean S.	281 C. Walker St.	March 11, 1985	Traverse Jury
Magee, Douglas K.	241 Franklin St.	March 11, 1985	Traverse Jury
Wyman, Joyce A.	10 Lawrence Rd.	March 11, 1985	Traverse Jury
Granstrom, Carol A.	49 Maple St.	April 1, 1985	Traverse Jury
Jarrett, Donald F.	280 State St.	April 1, 1985	Traverse Jury
Mazur, Diane M.	281 C. Walker St.	April 1, 1985	Traverse Jury
McCarran, John L.	21 Lake Drive	April 1, 1985	Traverse Jury
Santowski, Dave K.	1011 Federal St.	April 1, 1985	Traverse Jury
Gaetani, Debra	42 Springfield Rd.	April 29, 1985	Traverse Jur
Kalish, David	28 Maplecrest Dr.	April 29, 1985	Traverse Jur
McCaughey, John D. Sr.	445 Franklin St.	April 29, 1985	Traverse Jur
Pratt, Christine A.	121 N. Main St.	April 29, 1985	Traverse Jur
Roda, John D.	281 C. Walker St.	April 29, 1985	Traverse Jur
Cahill, Douglas A.	281 C. Walker St.	July 22, 1985	Traverse Jur
Laporte, Donald R.	301 Bay Rd.	July 22, 1985	Traverse Jur
Menard, John G.	8 Ledgewood Dr.	July 22, 1985	Traverse Jur
Savaria, Jerome D.	281 C. Walker St.	July 22, 1985	Traverse Jur
Shrewsbery, Fernia R.	120 Poole Rd.	July 22, 1985	Traverse Jur
Dugan, Joseph A.	10 Heritage Dr.	Aug. 19, 1985	Traverse Jur
Kowalski, Joseph A.	360 Blue Meadow Rd.	Aug. 19, 1985	Traverse Jur
Lambert, David E.	29 Sherwood Dr.	Aug. 19, 1985	Traverse Jur
Logan, Joseph Anderson, III	27 Bay Rd.	Aug. 19, 1985	Traverse Jur
Monast, John E.	975 Federal St.	Aug. 19, 1985	Traverse Jur

JURORS DRAWN FROM 1985 - 1986 LIST

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE DRAWN	JURY SERVICE
Beaudoin, Claude	80 Poole Rd.	Sept. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Eskett, Charles H.	550 State St.	Sept. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Lacombe, Donald E.	32 Lloyd Ave.	Sept. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Provost, Jay A.	587 C. Walker St.	Sept. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Seymour, Tammy Anne	281 C. Walker St.	Sept. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Britt, Donald W.	94 Wilson Rd.	Oct. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Clogston, Michael Thomas	42 Pinebrook Dr.	Oct. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Dubovik, John	265 N. Washington St.	Oct. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Gosselin, Dennis R.	26 Juckett Hill Rd.	Oct. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Smith, Robert A.	16 Chadbourne Rd.	Oct. 21, 1985	Traverse Jury
Bonsall, Jeanne Marie	88 Poole Rd.	Dec. 2, 1985	Grand Jury
Clifford, Owen	281 C. Walker St.	Dec. 2, 1985	Grand Jury
Balut, Russell G.	26 Sherwood Dr.	Dec. 2, 1985	Traverse Jury
Brooks, David P.	72 Allen Rd.	Dec. 2, 1985	Traverse Jury
Mellin, Jean A.	33 Lloyd Ave.	Dec. 2, 1985	Traverse Jury
Williams, Catherine	81 C. Walker St.	Dec. 2, 1985	Traverse Jury
Zobka, Sandra J.	23 Lloyd Ave.	Dec. 2, 1985	Traverse Jury
Cole, Richard I., Jr.	108 N. Main St.	Dec. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Keller, Armand L.	14 Fuller St.	Dec. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Rudy, Susan	550 N. Liberty St.	Dec. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Ulmer, Michael	8 Jabish St.	Dec. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury
Walczak, Christine	47 Hamilton St.	Dec. 23, 1985	Traverse Jury

Town Election May 20, 1985

*Denotes elected

Office	Name		Prec. A.	Prec. B.	Totals
Moderator	*Joseph R. White		1121	109	1230
1 year		Blanks	385	31	416
			1506	140	1646
Town Clerk	*George R. Bach		1260	114	1374
1 year	Write-in: Kevin English		1	0	1
		Blanks	245	26	271
			1506	140	1646
Selectmen	*JoAnne L. Newman		851	100	951
3 years	Pauline C. Johnson		689	57	746
	*Shirley R. Aldrich		877	66	943
		Blanks	595	57	652
			3012	280	3292
Treasurer	*George R. Bach		1265	116	1381
3 years		Blanks	241	24	265
			1506	140	1646
School Committee	*Dorothy A. Rhodes		1029	101	1130
3 years	*William M. Russell		1003	87	1090
		Blanks	980	92	1072
			3012	280	3292
Planning Board	*Helen L. Gibson		1055	95	1150
5 years		Blanks	451	45	496
			1506	140	1646
Cemetery Commissioners	*Paul C. Cook		1166	110	1276
3 years		Blanks	340	30	370
			1506	140	1646
Board of Assessors	*David A. Staples		1121	109	1230
3 years		Blanks	385	31	416
			1506	140	1646
Housing Authority	*W. Ira Shattuck		1159	103	1262
5 years		Blanks	347	37	384
			1506	140	1646
Tree Warden	*Albert W. Brown		1165	114	1279
3 years		Blanks	341	26	367
			1506	140	1646
Sewer Commissioners	*Harry L. Brougham		1108	106	1214
3 years		Blanks	398	34	432
			1506	140	1646
Board of Health	*Peter T.Lamacchia, Jr.		1092	100	1192
3 years		Blanks	414	40	454
			1506	140	1646
Votes cast on May 20, 1985			1506	140	1646
				(37% voted)	

Registered voters at Belchertown		Prec. A.	Prec. B.	Totals
	Republican	602	42	644
	Democrat	1245	161	1406
	Independent	2086	281	2367
		3933	484	4417

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 14, 1985

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 53 (Quorum required-25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
The Assistant Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,047.06 to the Non-Contributory Pensions Account to reimburse the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the calendar year of 1982.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15.13 to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior year:

The Sentinel	$15.13

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to the Schools #4000 Account to cover the cost of vandalism at Cold Spring and Center Schools over the past summer.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV.

Voted to raise and appropriate to sum of $700.00 to the Schools - #1000 Account to cover additional costs of reviewing employee contracts and negotiations review.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to the Schools #9000 Account to cover the unbudgeted extra costs involved when an institutionalized student was sent to an out-of-state hospital for intensive care.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to the Negotiator Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to do a review and reclassification of the positions within the Personnel By-Law.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII.

Voted to accept two parcels of land comprising of approximately 9.2 acres, more or or less, belonging to Emily Zglobicki and located along the former location of the Hampden Railroad; said description being on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IX.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $305,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,376.00 to the Police Expense Account to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,000.00 to the School Building Committee Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XII.

Voted to raise and appropriat the sum of $1,000.00 an appropriate from the Contrac Negotiations Account the su of $11,000.00 to the Polic Wage Account and raise an appropriate $700.00 to th Police Expense Account, t fund the negotiated unio contract for the Polic Department.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Before the vote on thi article, an amendment wa passed unanimously, whic amended the original motio from "I move the Town rais and appropriate the sum o $1,700.00 and appropriate fro the Contract Negotiatio Account the sum of $11,000.0 to the Police Wage Account t fund the negotiated unio contract for the Polic Department", to: as it wa voted above.)

In response to an inquiry o whether these funds vote tonight are within th constraints of Proposition 1/2, Selectmen Kubiak answere that they are well within th limits of what can be raise by taxation.

Meeting dissolved at 7:54 p.m

Attest:

Carol E. Hubbard
Assistant Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 1985
Fiscal 1985

Moderator-Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 209 (Quorum required-25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $15,000.00 to the Schools #9000 account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 1985
Fiscal 1986

Prior to the opening of this meeting, an exhibition was presented by High School Baton Twirlers.
The Boy Scout Color Guard presented the colors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. John Chapple gave the Invocation.

Meeting called to order by Town Moderator Joseph R. White at 7:55 p.m.
Registered voters present-209 (Quorum required - 25)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.
Selectmen Bernard Kubiak presented awards from the Town to Warren Farnham, Boyscoutmaster and to John Wegiel, Cubscoutmaster.
Selectwoman Shirley Dorey presented 1st Annual Municipal Service Award to George R. Bach, Town Clerk, Collector & Treasurer.
Chairman of Selectmen JoAnne Newman read State Award to Council on Aging for ten years of outstanding work.
JoAnne Newman also read citation to Edmund Wallace for his services to Belchertown Housing Authority.
JoAnne Newman presented aerial photo of the Town to Shirley Dorey for her years of service as a member of the Board of Selectmen.
JoAnne Newman called on Eleanor Schmidt who presented a basket of flowers to Shirley Dorey.

Citizen of the Year was award was presented by JoAnne Newman to John W. Avery for all his years of service in various capacities to the Town.

ARTICLE I.

Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds each for one year, and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II.

Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III.

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1985, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV.

Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$7.42
Cemetery Commissioners	6.68
Sewer Commissioners	6.68
Tree Warden	6.68

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V.

Voted to appropriate from the State Aide to Libraries Account the sum of $4,169.50 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI.

Voted to appropriate from the Dog License Refund Account the sum of $12.55 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII.

Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $980.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IX.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X.

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI.

Voted to appropriate from the Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures Account the sum of $60,000.00 to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XII.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $45,000.00 for improvements to public ways pending reimbursement of General Laws, Chapter 577, Section 8 of the Acts of 1980.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIII.

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIV.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,056.00 as Belchertown's share of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Program.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Chas. Hull moved to change the order of business and consider Article XVI at this time. (Vote: Yes-81, No-80, Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XVI.

Voted to place a one-year moratorium on permits for new construction of two dwelling units (duplexes) in the Agricultural District AND establish a Controlled Growth Committee of five, representing diverse interest groups, to be appointed by the Planning Board (2) and the Selectboard (3) and to report to the 1986 Annual Town Meeting. "The Committee is charged to recommend to the Planning Board means for orderly growth while regarding the Town's rural heritage by protecting active farming and assuring open space, and while guarding against contaminated ground water."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a motion to amend was ruled out of order because it was more restrictive than the motion in the Warrant.)

ARTICLE XV.

Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Multiple-Dwelling Residential District:

Certain land being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts", prepared for Richard F. & Debra A. Greene, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the southerly side of Ware Road at the northeast corner of land herein described and the northwest corner of land of Hubert F. Greene et ux: thence in the following four courses along land of said Greene et ux: S 06 degrees 15′ 05" W a distance of 204.55 feet to a 16" dead elm; S 11 degrees 44′30" W a distance of 328.54 feet to a point; S 22 degrees 58′ 45" W a distance of 108.61 fet to a 24" oak; S 36 degree 03′ 35" W a distance of 109 feet more or less to a point at the high water mark of a former pond at land now or formerly of Edward H. Dyer; thence northwesterly, westerly and southwesterly along said high water mark and along land now or formerly of said Dyer a distance of 356 feet more or less to a 24" oak at land now or formerly of Pearl Davis; thence in the following four courses along land now or formerly of said Davis:N 16 degrees 33′ 55" W a distance of 28.91 feet to a 26" pine; N 01 degrees 57′ 00" E a distance of 112.11 feet to an iron pin in a ring of stones; N 00 degrees 57′ 00" W a distance of 86.23 feet to an iron pin; N 06 degrees 26′ 05" E 407.94 feet to a 10" ash; thence N 07 degrees 18′ 40" E a distance of 215.94 feet along land now or of said Davis and land now or formerly of Francis P. Loftus, Jr. to an iron pin on the southerly side of said Ware Road; thence easterly along the southerly side of said Ware Road on a curve to the right having a radius of 1160 feet an arc distance of 38.66 feet to concrete highway bound; thenc along the southerly side o said Ware Road S 82 degree 05′ 50" E a distance of 391.6 feet to the iron pin at th point of beginning an containing 6.94 acres more o less.

(Vote: Yes-108,No-49, Requir for 2/3 104) Majority Yes

ARTICLE XVII.

Voted to adopt "A COMPENDIU OF THE BYLAWS, SPECIAL ACT AND GENERAL LAW ACCEPTANCES O THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN" a prepared for the Board o Selectmen of the Town o Belchertown by David A. Boot Research Associates o Amherst, Massachusetts.

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVIII.

Voted to authorize th Selectmen to contract wit HERCO Development Associates Limited Partnership o nominees thereof for th disposal of solid waste, whic contract will (1) be for term of twenty years, more o less; (2) include provision for the delivery of minimu amounts of acceptable wast and payments for the service provided to be based in th part thereon; (3) provide fo prices for the disposal o acceptable waste that wil vary from time to time i accordance with the provision of the contract ad will b adjusted by certain credit derived from the sale o stream, electricity and othe revenues; (4) provide fo similar commitments by othe communities (5) contain other provisions incidental and related to the foregoing matters; and (6) be generally in the form of a proposed contract negotiated by representatives of the Town and HERCO Development Associates, Limited Partnership, with such changes therein as may be approved by said Board of Selectmen.

(Vote: Yes-85; No-14;
Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XIX.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Heritage Drive as a public way as adopted by the Board of Selectmen in April, 1985,

it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XX.

Voted to control all dogs by (1) adopting a Dog Control By-Law, as shown on file at the Town Clerk's office, for the purpose of (a) protecting people and animals from injury, (b) protecting property from damage and (c) preventing dog related nuisances and (2) establishing for one year a Dog Control Committee of five citizens, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of (a) advising the Board on the development of procedures for enforcing this by-law (b) monitoring enforcement problems and (c) proposing amendments to the by-law as necessary. (see entire text following)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXI.

Voted to appropriate from the Stablization Fund the sum of $205,000.00 for renovations of Lawrence Memorial Hall and Memorial School into municipal office space and for expenses incurred in occupying said office space for business purposes.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

At this point in the meeting a motion was made to adjourn to Thursday May 16th at 8:00 p.m. at the Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Attest:
George R. Bach
Town Clerk

CONTINUATION OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 16, 1986
FY 86

Moderator Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 137
(Quorum required - 25)
The Meeting was called to order at 8 p.m.

ARTICLE XXII.

Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 477 of the Acts of 1984 enabling the Town to acquire surplus equipment from federal government sales.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXIII.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the purchase and to purchase the land of Raymond W.J. Campbell and Lillian A. Campbell, containing 7.686 acres more or less and shown on a plan of land entitled "PLAN OF LAND IN BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN", dated June 11, 1984. Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., Surveyors, Engineers, Planners, 125 Pleasant Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, and if such negotiations are unsuccessful, the Selectmen be authorized to take by eminent domain said real estate in that the public purpose and necessity requires the ownership of said land and by the Town; and to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $16,000.00 for the purchase of said land and for related expenses.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article the following took place:
After a presentation by Mr. Campbell, an amendment was offered "To authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase for the sum of $89,000., a parcel of land in Belchertown, owned by Raymond W.J. Campbell and Lillian I. Campbell, containing 7.686 acres more or less, as shown on plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Mass., prepared for the Town of Belchertown dated June 11, 1984, Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc. of Northampton, Mass, and to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund such funds." However, this amendment failed to pass by a unanimous no vote.

A 2nd amendment was offered which struck out a clause in the original motion wording, to wit: "and if such negotiations are unsuccessful, the Selectmen be authorized to take by eminent domain said real estate in that the public purpose and necessity requires the ownership of said land by the Town." This amendment also failed to pas by a majority no vote.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Voted to amend the "Personnel By-Law", as previously amended in the following manner:

Under Section 6. Employees Benefits B. Benefits, add the following:

12. Uniforms

The Maintenance Department employees covered by this By-Law will be provided with uniforms consisting of shirts and pants which will be paid for and laundered by the Town.

Police Dispatch Personnel covered by this By-Law who are required to wear uniforms may have the required uniforms provided by the Town with the prior approval of the Chief of Police.

and under Appendix A. TOWN CLASSIFICATION - COMPENSATION PLAN: delete A, B, and F. and replace with:

A. Police	
Chief	$25,465.00
B. Highways	
Superintendent	24,115.00

F. Maintenance

Building Maintenance Craftsman	$8.10
Maintenance Worker	6.99

and under COMPENSATION PLAN:

delete in its entirety and replace with:

A. Part-time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

Fire Chief	$2,750.00
Veterans' Agent	2,580.00
Director of Civil Defense	250.00
Deputy Director of Civil Defense	100.00
Radio Officer, Civil Defense	100.00
Animal Inspector	300.00
Clerk, Board of Registrars	According to Chapter 41, Section 19G
Dog Officer	300.00
and per action	8.00
Plumbing Inspector per inspection	8.00
Wiring Inspector per inspection	8.00
Gas Inspector per inspection	8.00

B. Part-Time Employees, Hourly Schedule

Planning Board Administrative Assistant	$4.90-$5.84
Election Workers	3.35-4.50
Parks & Recreation Seasonal Employees	3.35-6.00
Public Works Seasonal Employees	3.35-5.00
Council on Aging Cooks	3.35-7.20
Council on Aging Drivers	4.00-6.00
Council on Aging Nutrition Aides	3.35-5.00
Clerk/Dispatcher/Secretary Matron	3.35-5.50
Clerk/Typist	3.35-4.68
Conservation Commission Assistant	3.35-4.68

C. WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE for all full time employees except Police, Highway, Maintenance and Seasonal Employees. A full time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) hours or more per week.

Pay Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	$169.00	$175.75	$182.75	$190.00	$197.50
2	182.50	189.75	197.25	205.25	213.50
3	197.00	205.00	213.25	221.75	230.50
4	212.75	221.25	230.00	239.25	248.75
5	229.75	239.00	248.50	258.50	268.75
6	248.25	258.25	268.50	279.25	290.50
7	268.00	278.75	290.00	301.50	313.50
8	289.50	301.00	313.00	325.50	338.50
9	312.75	325.25	338.25	351.75	365.75
10	337.75	351.25	365.25	379.75	395.00
11	364.75	379.25	394.50	410.25	426.75
12	394.00	409.75	426.25	443.25	461.00

Employees classified as Administrative-Professional shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees except those classified as Police, Highway or Maintenance who work less than forty (40) hours per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the number of hours actually worked.

and under Section 8. Classification and Compensation

delete F. it its entirety and add:

F. Annually, the Personnel Board shall review the Town's Classification-Compensation Plan and may recommend to the Annual Town Meeting or to any Special Town Meeting such changes as the Personnel Board deems appropriate for said Plan.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXV.

Voted to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of $61,034.00 for the following:

Computer Equipment - Treasurer	$7,000.00
Computer Equipment & Software - Assessors	11.834.00
Police-Video & Radio Equipment, Typewriter, and Photocopier	8,950.00
Dog Officer-Have a Heart Trap	250.00
Town Garage-High Pressure Washer	2,000.00
Parks & Recreation - Floating Dock, Turntable, Amplifier and Bleachers	3,500.00
Old Town Hall - Paint Exterior	5,000.00
Photocopier with Table for Town Hall	4,500.00
Cemeteries - Miscellaneous Work	7,000.00
Audit of Municipal Books	11,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVI.

Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $126,800.00 for the following:

Diesel Dump Truck	45,000.00
High School Suspended Ceilings	6,000.00
High School Rear & Side Doors	10,000.00
Band Annex Heat & Ventilation	1,800.00
Cold Spring School Plumbing	13,000.00
Cold Spring School Handicapped Toilets	12,000.00
High School Elevator Repair	6,000.00
Cold Spring School - Caulk, Paint, Weatherproof	8,000.00
Center School Replace Lights	5,100.00
Cold Spring School Kindergarten Toilets	2,500.00
Center School - Fuse Box	700.00
Center School - Paint, Weatherproof	3,000.00

Center School - Replace Gutters	1,000.00
Franklin School - Fuse Box	700.00
School Van	12,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.

Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, appropriate from free cash in the treasury, or appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(a)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $380,471.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(b)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,978.00 for Municipal Buildings and Grounds, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriate voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(c)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $522,975.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, with the Police Department being broken down as follows: Salary $25,465.00, Wages $286,987.00 and expenses $61,329.00 for a total Police Department of $373,781.00 and each other item and amount listed under Protection of Persons & Property recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(d)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $69,979.00 for Health & Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(e)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $417,335.00 for Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(f)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,880.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(g)

Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,966,991.00 for the School Department, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of $3,789,151.00 to be raised by taxation for Item 52. Town Schools, and the sum of $177,840.00 to be appropriated from Federal Revenue Sharing funds for Item 53. Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Voted - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this "section g" an amendment was passed by a majority yes vote to restore $34,549.00 to the proposed School Department Budget, bringing the total request to $3,789,151.00 under Item 52. Town Schools. The additional $34,549.00 to be added to the #2000 Instruction Account, changing the figure from $2,560,161.00 to $2,594,710.00.)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(h)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $31,395.00 for the Library Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(i)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $65,693.00 for the Recreation Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(j)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $239,947.00 and appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $199,500.00 for a total of $439,447.00 for Pensions & Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(k)

Voted to raise and appropriate in the sum of $36,100.00 for the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(l)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,545.00 for the Cemetery Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.
(m)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,174,946.00 for Interest and Maturing Debt, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote- Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 9:55 p.m.

Attest: George R. Bach
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN Annual Town Meeting held May 13th & May 16th, 1985

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STAB-ILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1-4.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	From St. Aide to Libraries Acct. to C. Mem. Lib. Exp. Acct.	4,169.50	-	-	-	-	4,169.50
6.	From Dog Lic. Refund Acct. to C. Mem. Lib. Exp. Acct.	12.55	-	-	-	-	12.55
7.	From Sale of Cem. Lots Acct. to Cem. Comm. Exp. Acct.	980.00	-	-	-	-	980.00
8.	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving tax cases	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-
9.	To Conservation Fund	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	-	-
10.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.	From Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary & Unforeseen Exp. Acct. to Reserve Fund	60,000.00	-	-	-	-	60,000.00
12.	Public Ways-Improvements	45,000.00	-	45,000.00	-	-	-
13.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.	Town's share-Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Program	1,056.00	1,056.00	-	-	-	-
15-20	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Renovations-Lawrence Memorial Hall and Memorial School	205,000.00	-	-	-	205,000.00	-
22 & 24	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.	Purchase Campbell land & related expenses	16,000.00	-	-	-	16,000.00	-
25.	Sundry expenses, as follows: (Total)	61,034.00	-	-	-	-	-
	(a) Computer Equipment-Treasurer	-	-	-	7,000.00	-	-
	(b) Computer Equip. & Software-Assessors	-	-	-	11,834.00	-	-
	(c) Police-Video & Radio Equip, Typewriter & photocopier	-	-	-	8,950.00	-	-
	(d) Dog Officer-Have a Heart Trap	-	-	-	250.00	-	-
	(e) Tn. Garage-High Pressure Washer	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-
	(f) Prks & Rec.-Floating Dock, Turntable, Amplified & Bleachers	-	-	-	3,500.00	-	-
	(g) Old Town Hall-Paint Exterior	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-
	(h) Photocopier with table for Tn. Hall	-	-	-	4,500.00	-	-
	(i) Cemeteries-Miscellaneous Work	-	-	-	7,000.00	-	-
	(j) Audit of Municipal Books	-	-	-	11,000.00	-	-
26.	Sundry Expenses, as follows: (Total)	126,800.00					
	(a) Diesel Dump Truck	-	-	-	-	45,000.00	-
	(b) High School Suspended Ceilings	-	-	-	-	6,000.00	-
	(c) High School Rear & Side Doors	-	-	-	-	10,000.00	-
	(d) Band Annex Heat & Ventilation	-	-	-	-	1,800.00	-
	(e) Cold Spring School Plumbing	-	-	-	-	13,000.00	-
	(f) Cold Spring School Handicapped Toilets	-	-	-	-	12,000.00	-
	(g) High School Elevator Repair	-	-	-	-	6,000.00	-

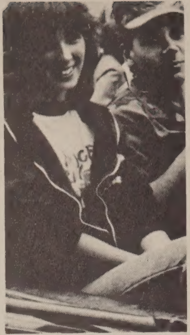
(h) Cold Spring School - Caulk, Paint, Weatherproof	-	-	-	-	8,000.00	-
(i) Center School-Replace Lights	-	-	-	-	5,100.00	-
(j) Cold Spring School Kindergarden Toilets	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	-
(k) Center School - Fuse Box	-	-	-	-	700.00	-
(l) Center School-Paint, Weatherproof	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	-
(m) Center School-Replace Gutters	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	-
(n) Franklin School-Fuse Box	-	-	-	-	700.00	-
(o) School Van	-	-	-	-	12,000.00	-
27. Itemized Budgets						
(a) General Government (Total)	380,471.00					
1. Moderator, Salaries	-	35.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	10.00	-	-	-	-
2. Selectmen, Salaries	-	6,000.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	8,100.00	-	-	-	-
3. Executive Secretary, Salary	-	21,057.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-
4. Town Acct/Administrative Secretary, Salary	-	20,619.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	31,305.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	8,050.00	-	-	-	-
5. Treasurer, Salary	-	8,106.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	19,690.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	13,840.00	-	-	-	-
6. Collector, Salary	-	8,106.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	21,244.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	7,835.00	-	-	-	-
7. Town Clerk, Salary	-	6,305.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	14,780.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	7,811.00	-	-	-	-
8. Assessors, Salary	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	46,602.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	17,275.00	-	-	-	-
9. Law Account, Expense	-	16,600.00	-	-	-	-
10. Finance Committee, Expense	-	315.00	-	-	-	-
11. Election & Registration, Salary	-	150.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	7,200.00	-	-	-	-
12. Planning Board, Salary	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	5,701.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	1,300.00	-	-	-	-
13. Professional Engineering, Expense	-	7,000.00	-	-	-	-
14. Board of Appeals, Wages	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
15. Conservation Commission, Wages	-	2,580.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	1,005.00	-	-	-	-
16. Council on Aging, Salary	-	32,730.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	9,815.00	-	-	-	-
17. Rent Control Board, Wages	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
18. Industrial Development Commission, Expense	-	25.00	-	-	-	-

19.	Historical Commission, Expense	-	300.00	-	-	-	-
20.	Personnel Board, Expense	-	55.00	-	-	-	-
21.	Energy Resources Commission, Expense	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
(b)	Municipal Building & Grounds (Total)	58,978.00					
22.	Maintenance/Groundskeeper, Wages	-	35,068.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	13,200.00	-	-	-	-
23.	Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses	-	2,050.00	-	-	-	-
24.	Finnerty House, Expenses	-	5,110.00	-	-	-	-
25.	Town Common, Expenses	-	3,050.00	-	-	-	-
26.	Town Clock, Wages	-	400.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
(c)	Protection of Persons & Property (Total)	522,975.00					
27.	Police Department, Salary	-	25,465.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	286,987.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	61,329.00	-	-	-	-
28.	Police Station, Expenses	-	6,800.00	-	-	-	-
29.	Ambulance, Wages	-	14,600.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	3,260.00	-	-	-	-
30.	Fire Department, Salary	-	4,565.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	18,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	34,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Out of State Travel	-	300.00	-	-	-	-
31.	Burner Inspections, Wages	-	800.00	-	-	-	-
32.	Hydrant Service, Expenses	-	10,800.00	-	-	-	-
33.	Water Storage Holes, Expenses	-	2,250.00	-	-	-	-
34.	Dog Officer, Salaries	-	300.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	3,450.00	-	-	-	-
35.	Inspection Services, Salaries	-	17,989.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	6,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,790.00	-	-	-	-
36.	Civil Defense, Salaries	-	450.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	475.00	-	-	-	-
37.	Insect Pest Control, Expenses	-	2,750.00	-	-	-	-
38.	Dutch Elm Disease, Wages	-	1,640.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	680.00	-	-	-	-
39.	Tree Warden, Wages	-	5,320.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	3,275.00	-	-	-	-
(d)	Health & Sanitation (Total)	69,979.00					
40.	Board of Health, Salaries	-	1,350.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	750.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	10,729.00	-	-	-	-
41.	Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	-	1,400.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	52,750.00	-	-	-	-
(e)	Highway Department (Total)	417,335.00					
42.	Highway-Personnel, Salary	-	24,115.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	176,990.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	3,400.00	-	-	-	-
43.	Town Garage, Expenses	-	10,100.00	-	-	-	-
44.	Sanitary Landfill, Expenses	-	14,240.00	-	-	-	-
45.	Snow Removal, Expenses	-	60,000.00	-	-	-	-

46.	Road Machinery-Expenses	-	59,050.00	-	-	-	-
47.	Highway-Construction Materials, Expense	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	-
48.	Highway-Hired Services, Expenses	-	25,440.00	-	-	-	-
49.	Sidewalks, Expenses	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
50.	Highway-Street Lighting, Expenses	-	24,000.00	-	-	-	-
(f)	Veterans Department (Total)	24,880.00					
51.	Veterans, Salaries	-	2,580.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	300.00	-	-	-	-
	Benefits	-	22,000.00	-	-	-	-
(g)	School Department (Total)	3,966,991.00					
52.	Town Schools:						
	#1000 Administration	-	83,982.00	-	-	-	-
	#200 Instruction	-	2,594,710.00	-	-	-	-
	#3000 Other School Services	-	452,910.00	-	-	-	-
	#4000 Operating & Maintenance	-	416,815.00	-	-	-	-
	#7000 Fixed Assets	-	80,734.00	-	-	-	-
	#9000 Programs with Other Schools	-	160,000.00	-	-	-	-
53.	Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School:						
	Expenses	-	-	-	177,840.00	-	-
(h)	Library Department (Total)	31,395.00					
54.	Clapp Memorial Library, Wages	-	19,240.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	12,155.00	-	-	-	-
(i)	Recreation Department (Total)	65,693.00					
55.	Parks, Beach & Recreation, Salaries	-	16,365.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	31,378.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	11,450.00	-	-	-	-
56.	Old Town Hall, Expenses	-	6,500.00	-	-	-	-
(j)	Pensions & Insurance (Total)	439,447.00					
57.	Insurance, Expenses	-	101,161.00	-	-	-	-
58.	Pensions, Expenses	-	130,186.00	-	-	-	-
59.	Health Insurance, Expenses	-	-	199,500.00	-	-	-
60.	Group Life Insurance, Expenses	-	3,600.00	-	-	-	-
61.	Unemployment Compensation, Expenses	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
(k)	Unclassified (Total)	36,100.00					
62.	Patriotic Exercises, Expenses	-	300.00	-	-	-	-
63.	Printing Town Report, Expenses	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-
64.	Unclassified, Expenses	-	17,800.00	-	-	-	-
65.	Personnel Study Results	-	14,000.00	-	-	-	-
(l)	Cemetery Department (Total)	20,545.00					
66.	Cemeteries, Salaries	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	8,265.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	10,280.00	-	-	-	-
67.	Veterans' Graves, Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
(m)	Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	1,174,946.00					
68.	Interest, Warren Wright Water Project	-	1,015.00	-	-	-	-
	Bay Rd.-Rite Lane Water Proj.	-	1,475.00	-	-	-	-
	Middle School Bond	-	722,012.50	-	-	-	-
	Temporary Short Term Notes	-	35,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Bay Road Water Line	-	213.50	-	-	-	-

69. Maturing Debt, W. Wright Water Project	-	2,400.00	-	-	-	-
Bay Rd.-Rite Lane Water Proj.	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-
Middle School Bond	-	410,000.00	-	-	-	-
Bay Road Water Line	-	330.00	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	7,730,887.05	6,833,451.00	245,600.00	238,874.00	347,800.00	65,162.05

Attest: George R. Bach
Town Clerk



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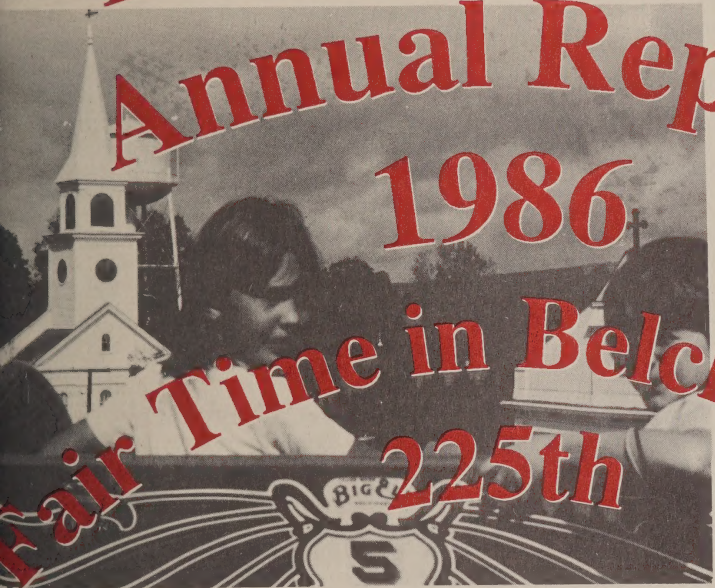

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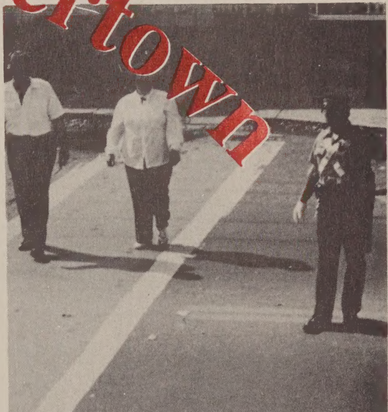
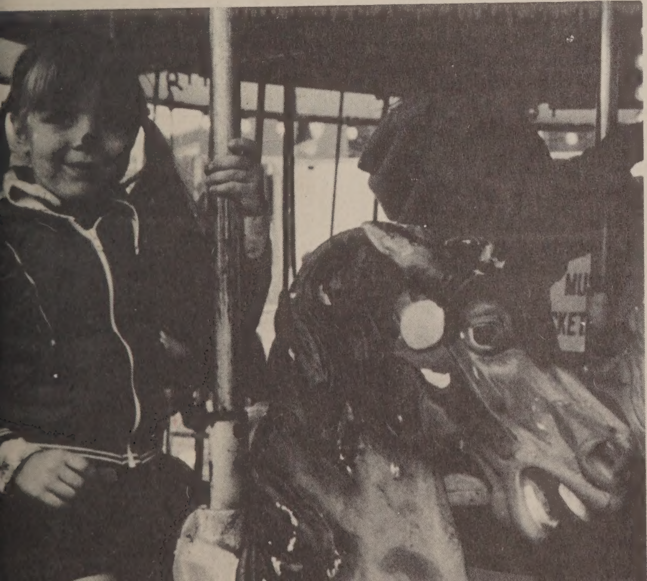
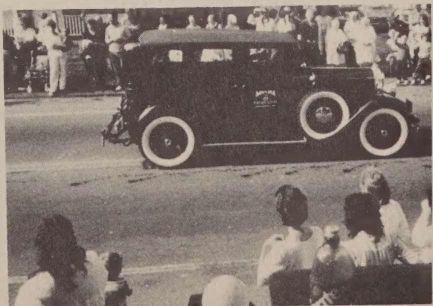
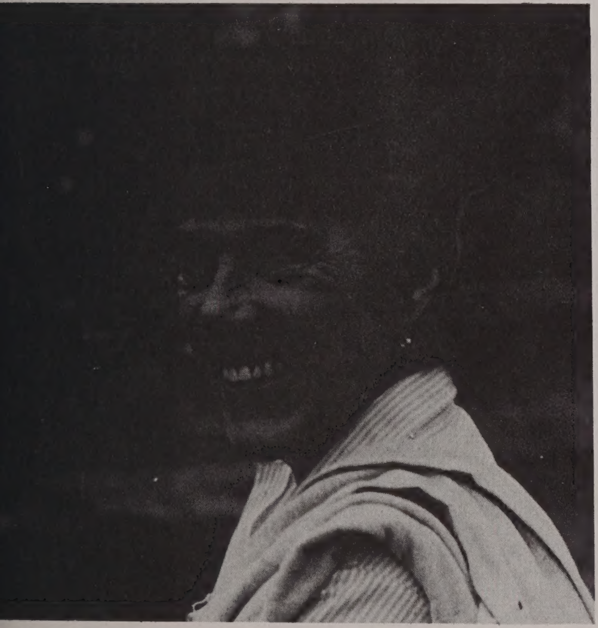




WHO'S WHO

BELCHERTOWN
BI-CENTENNIAL
SEPT. 22-23-24

SEE BACK COVER TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY

By her very presence, Muriel served this town for over three decades. A lady of many skills and interests she was, in her early years in town, active in area politics and the Republican Town Committee. As well, she was an active member of the Garden Club. Her primary interest, however, was her family. Muriel Whitlock was a homemaker in the finest sense of that word. Her husband and their five children were career enough for Muriel in those years, yet she always had time for others. It was her nature to give. Her time, her presence and her door were open to everyone. Many a troubled spirit or bereaved soul found solace at her kitchen table. When her children were grown, and time was again plentiful, she carved out for herself one more career; she became very successful in real estate sales. A woman of great strength of character, Muriel faced her final illness with the same courage and good cheer that were the benchmarks of her life. She is missed.



For over a decade Roy King was a familiar figure to all who came to the Senior Center. Treasurer of the Council on Aging, an active volunteer for the Meals program, the Escort service and countless other projects, he gave invaluable support to staff, fellow volunteers and the town's Senior citizens. Additionally he was a member of the Holyoke-Chicopee Home Care Advisory Board, helping our regional population of elderly and handicapped. Roy had lived in Belchertown 33 years, coming from Springfield where he owned and operated the White Rose Laundry. He and his wife Adeline had two children, Roy, Jr. and Katherine, and seven grandchildren. His son and daughter-in-law, Judi, carry on his spirit of active participation in our community life. His 79 years were rich in helping others, something he "liked to do". Roy adopted Belchertown, particularly its Seniors, and is dearly missed by us all.

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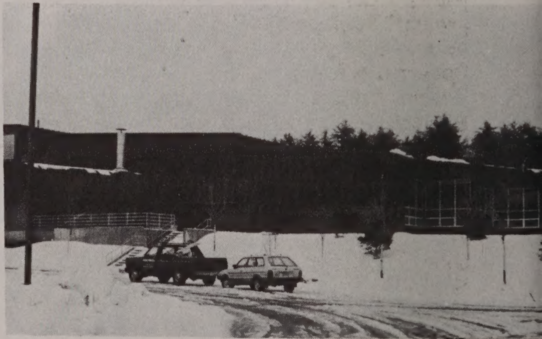


TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Joseph R. White		1987
	Town Clerk	
George R. Bach		1987
	Board of Selectmen	
Kenneth W. Rhodes		1987
Shirley R. Aldrich		1988
JoAnne L. Newman		1988
Bernard R. Kubiak		1989
Herbert E. Squires		1989
	Treasurer	
George R. Bach		1988
	Tax & Town Collector	
George R. Bach		1989
	School Committee	
Martha J. Barrett (resigned 4/22/86)		1987
James P. Fox (appt. 6/17/86)		1987
Michael P. Forgue, Sr.		1987
Dorothy A. Rhodes		1988
William M. Russell		1988
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		1989
	Planning Board	
Thomas P. Blomstrom		5/1986
John E. Shea (resigned 4/2/86)		1987
Roger W. Bacon (served until 5/86, then appt. 6/23/86)		1987
Donald S. Cole		1988
Carmine L. Angeloni (elected 5/86)		1989
Helen L. Gibson (resigned 10/1/86)		1990
Ellen J. Wenner (elected 5/86)		1991
	Cemetery Commissioners	
Floyd R. Peeso		1987
Paul C. Cook		1988
David G. Hodgen		1989
	Board of Assessors	
Janise G. Fitzpatrick		1987
David A. Staples		1988
Roy A. Voci		1989
	Housing Authority	
John W. Avery		2/3/87
Thomas C. Kubacki		1988
Mary S. Pratt		1989
W. Ira Shattuck		1990
William C. Carmody		1991
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1988
	Sewer Commissioners	
Brian L. Brougham		1987
Harry L. Brougham		1988
Alfred P. Atwood		1989
	Board of Health	
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1987
Peter T. Lamacchia, Jr.		1988
Linda H. Snow		1989

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Mary S. Pratt		1987
Kenneth H. Snow		1988
Sylvia C. Conkey		1989
	Almoner-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Virginia M. Hilsop		1987
Janet L. Wood		1987
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Member	
George R. Harrell		1987

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Executive Secretary	
William G. Whitlock		6/30/87
	Town Accountant	
Eleanor W. Green		6/30/87
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Katherine C. Lofland		6/30/87
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Carol E. Hubbard		6/30/87
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Gloria J. Conkey		5/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Deputy Collectors	
Lisa M. Banner (office)		12/1987
Gloria J. Conkey (office)		12/1987
Carol E. Hubbard (office)		12/1987
Norman C. Jeffery		12/1987
Christine Jeffery		12/1987
	Town Planner	
James M. Mazik (began 4/14/86)		6/30/87
	Finance Committee	
Donald R. Crevier (resigned 3/1/86)		6/30/86
Warren H. Johnson (resigned 4/11/86)		6/30/86
Linda E. Barron		6/30/87
Albert D. Rolla (appt. 1/29/86)		6/30/87
George E. Dion (resigned 11/20/86)		6/30/88
Gregory R. Dillard (appt. 3/1/86)		6/30/89
Alfred J. Roccanti (appt. 7/22/86)		6/30/89
	Town Counsel	
Leonard Kopelman, Attorney		6/30/87
	Fire Chief	
Donald F. Bock		6/30/87
	Forest Fire Warden	
Donald F. Bock		6/30/87
	Highway Superintendent	
Harry A. Dodge		6/30/87
	Inspector of Buildings	
Douglas K. Magee		6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Assistant Inspector of Buildings	
Christopher Allison		6/30/87
	Wiring Inspector	
Edward S. Czech		6/30/87
	Assistant Wiring Inspector	
Charles J. Agen (appt. 3/31/86)		6/30/87
	Inspector of Plumbing	
Jeffrey W. Price		6/30/87
	Dog Officer	
Robert Squires		6/30/87
Debra R. Michaud (effective 7/1/86)		6/30/87
	Assistant Dog Officer	
Debra R. Michaud		6/30/86
Gail Gray (effective 7/1/86)		6/30/87
Donna Nunes (appt. 11/10/86; resigned 9/12/86)		6/30/87
Elaine Lydon (appt. 11/10/86)		6/30/87
	Gas Inspector	
Jeffrey W. Price		6/30/87
	Suptintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown		6/30/87
	Veterans Services Agent	
Merle R. Green		6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Douglas K. Magee		6/30/87
	Zoning Enforcement Officer	
Douglas K. Magee		6/30/87
	Veterans Graves Officer	
Melvin Terry		6/30/87
	Assistant Graves Officer	
David Lecours		6/30/87
	Registrars of Voters	
Lillian C. Austin		6/30/87
Dorothy M. Brennen		6/30/88
Ethel H. Hawkins		6/30/89
	Election Officers	
	Precinct A	
William Barnett (Warden)		6/30/87
Alice M. Burke		6/30/87
	Precinct B	
Mary C. Dudek (Warden)		6/30/87
Alice Alden (Clerk)		6/30/87
	Board of Appeals	
Jonathan Spiegel (resigned 8/27/86)		6/30/87
Frederick G. Bartmon (from associate to regular member 9/8/86)		6/30/87
Andre Michaud		6/30/88
Thomas W. Shattuck		6/30/89

Name	Office	Term Expires

Associate Members

Fredrick G. Bartmon (appt. 8/25/86 as associate; became regular member 9/8/86)		6/30/87
Robert Condon		6/30/87
William I. Shattuck, Jr.		6/30/87

Civil Defense Director

William G. Whitlock		6/30/87

Deputy Director-Civil Defense

Melvin W. Terry		6/30/87

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Louis P. Zimmerman		6/30/87

War Memorial Committee

John W. Avery		6/30/87
Edweard O. Lofland		6/30/88
Francis A. Dudek		6/30/89

Food Stamp Representative

Louise C. Wadsworth		

Rationing Board

Wilfred N. Ridenour		6/30/86

Public Weighers

Joseph W. Tolpa		6/30/87
Joseph Tolpa, Sr.		6/30/87

Personnel Board

George D. Greule		6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
JoAnne M. Gavin		6/30/88
Joseph D. Guercio		6/30/89

Conservation Commission

Louis B. LaFramboise		6/30/87
Kathryn Z. Ruhf		6/30/87
Wesley R. Autio		6/30/88
Hubert Greene		6/30/88
Cheryl Pinkham (resigned 4/86)		6/30/88
Mark Lindhult (appt. 4/28/86)		6/30/88
Jennie T. Greene		6/30/89
Alice L. Kuc		6/30/89

Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range

Walter P. Coombs		6/30/87
Kathryn Z. Ruhf		6/30/87

P.V.T.A. (Selectmen's Rep.)

Shirley A. Dorey		6/30/87

Representative to Board of Directors of HampshireCommunity Action Commission

Paul D. Kuc		Term Not Specified

Historical Commission

Robert J. Hansbury (resigned 9/15/86)		6/30/87
R. Lee Forsythe (app. 10/14/86)		6/30/87
Carl J. Peterson		6/30/87
Shirley A. Bock		6/30/88
Paul R. Lussier		6/30/88
Suzanne Bay		6/30/89

Council on Aging

Annette L. Cambo		6/30/86
Jayne M. Slate (resigned 4/86)		6/30/86
Rev. John H. Chapple (resigned 10/31/86)		6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
Mary E. Clauss		6/30/87
Ruby E. Martin		6/30/87
Fr. John Pickewitz		6/30/87
Ruthella M. Tucker (appt. 9/29/86)		6/30/87
Shirley A. Dorey		6/30/88
Roy H. King (deceased 7/20/86)		6/30/88
Robert D. LaMudge		6/30/88
Casimir Owczarski		6/30/88
Winifred B. Shattuck (appt. 9/29/86)		6/30/88
Katherine C. Everett (appt. 7/28/86)		6/30/89
Louis E. Fuller (appt. 7/28/86)		6/30/89
Gerald W. Houlihan		6/30/89

Police Candidate Review Committee

Name	Term Expires
JohnW. Avery	6/30/87
Peter G.Burton	6/30/87
Frank Farrington	6/30/87

Arts Lottery Council

Name	Term Expires
Suzanne Bay	6/30/86
Robert J. Hansbury	6/30/86
June S. Henneman	6/30/86
William S. Barron	6/30/87
James J. Gambaro	6/30/87
Marianne T. Gambaro	6/30/87
Patrick Landers (resigned)	6/30/87
Gail A. Taylor	6/30/87
Barbara Schafer-Bacon (appt. 3/3/86)	6/30/88
Berne M. Kowalski (app. 9/15/86)	6/30/88
Judy M. McQuillen (appt. 9/15/86)	6/30/88

Lower Pioneer ValleyRegional Planning Commission Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee

Name	Term Expires
Shirley A. Bock	6/30/87

Weigher, Measurer & Surveyor of Commodities

Name	Term Expires
Roy F. Whidden	6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires

Health Agent Quabbin Health District

David Zarozinski

Energy Resources Commission

Name	Term Expires
Brenda Loew	6/30/86
Arlan V. Skinner (moved)	6/30/86
Jayne M. Slate (moved)	6/30/86
Virginia C. Ayers	6/30/87

School Building Committee

Name	Term Expires
Patricia H. Burton	Final Report
Sharon L. Chapman	"
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	"
Michael P. Forgue	"
George B. Jackson	"
Susan J. Martens	"
Robert T. Martens	"
Donald F. Moran	"
Casimir Owczarski	"
David A. Staples	"

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Name	Term Expires
Paul G. Cook	6/30/87
Edward H. Gates	6/30/87
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/87
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/87
Roy A. Voci	6/30/87

Rent Control Board

Name	Term Expires
Wilhelmina M Eaton	1987
Kenneth W. Thayer	1988
John H. Chapple (moved 10/86)	1989
John D. Burns (appt. 11/10/86)	1989
William Barnett	1990
Edward H. Gates	1991
John J. Green, Jr. Esq. (Special Council to Board)	

Bike Route Committee

Name	Term Expires
Jay Evans	no term specified

Name	Office	Term Expires
Controlled Growth Committee		
Margot Moran		Final Report
Eric Walgren		"
Gary Moore		"
Elizabeth Coxon		"
Deborah J. Bedore		"
Recycling Committee		
Michael Van Dyke		6/30/87
James Munro		6/30/87
Eric Weiss		6/30/87
Ira Shattuck		6/30/87
Alan Weiss		6/30/87
Carolyn Clark		6/30/87
Kenneth W. Rhodes		6/30/87
Agricultural Land Preservation and Revitalization Program-Advisory Committee		
Thomas Shattuck		Final Report
Ira Shattuck		"
Saki Santorelli		"
Louis Siano		"
Ray Campbell		"
Mark Lindhult		"
Judy Gillan		"
John Marshall		"
Flora Marshall		"
Janet Minney		"
Judy Shattuck		"
Daniel Fitzpatrick		"
Donald Cole		"
Alice Kuc		"
Kathy Ruhf		"
David Staples		"
Frank Wenzel		"
Lawrence Memorial Hall Building Committee		
William G. Whitlock		Final Report
Kenneth W. Rhodes		"
Douglas K. Magee		"
Robert A. Dewhurst		"
David P. Brown		"

Name	Office	Term Expires
Police Dept.Chief		
Robert A. Knight		6/30/89
Sergeant		
Ernest M Gay, Jr.		6/30/87
William C. Zobka		6/30/87
Roman R. Kucinski (provisional)		6/30/87
Constable		
Robert A. Knight		6/30/86
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.		6/30/86
William C. Zobka		6/30/86
John Milner (eff. 7/1/86)		6/30/87
Andrew Sears (eff. 7/1/86)		6/30/87
Patrol Officers (Full Time)		
William D. Beatty, Jr.		6/30/87
Roy F. Bergeron		6/30/87
John Drawec		6/30/87
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.		6/30/87
Winthrop N. Kellogg		6/30/87
Alan D. Kipetz (from part time, eff. 7/86)		6/30/87
Roman R. Kucinski		6/30/87
Kevin G. Truehart		6/30/87
William C. Zobka		6/30/87
Patrol Officers (Part Time)		
Alan D. Kipetz (became full time eff. 7/86)		6/30/86
David A. Conkey		6/30/87
Stephen Kozloski		6/30/87
Barbara O'Connor		6/30/87
Joseph Rebello		6/30/87
Susan O. Roundy		6/30/87
James Taylor		6/30/87
Paul Tuttle		6/30/87
Ronald Molway (appt. 12/8/86)		6/30/87
Joseph Yale (appt, 12/8/86)		6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Special Police Officer	
Patricia W. Antonovitch		6/30/87
	Crossing Guards-School Traffic	
Linda Gay		6/30/86
Lillian C, Austin		6/30/87
Jane L. Hamel		6/30/87
Charles Howard		6/30/87
Gail S. Malone		6/30/87
Hector Tetrault		6/30/87
A. Preston Atwood (sub.)		6/30/87
Ingrid Czech (sub.)		6/30/87
Roland Hutchinson (sub.)		6/30/87
Holly Rainaud (sub.)		6/30/87
Andrew T. Sears,Jr (sub.)		6/30/87
Melvin Terry (sub.) (appt. 1/14/86)		6/30/87
Donna Kaplan (sub.) (appt, 2/19/87)		
	Crossing Guards for Center Schools Only	
Mary W. Baltren (appt. 10/14/86)		6/30/87
Paul R. Kucinski (appt. 10/14/86)		6/30/87
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski (appt. 10/14/86)		6/30/87
Cynthia N. White		6/30/87
	All Other Specials	
Brian L. Adams (SRS Club)		6/30/86
Ralph Goodreau (SRS Club)		6/30/87
John Pisarski (SRS Club)		6/30/87
A. Preston Atwood		6/30/87
Edward Czech		6/30/87
	(For Dogs Only)	
Robert Squires		6/30/86
	Board of Health Appointments Clerk of Infectious Diseases	
Charlotte P. Ketchen		6/30/87

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Inspector of Animals	
Stanley M. Antonovitch		6/30/87
	Special Agent at Belchertown State School	
Joseph Leistyna, M.D.		6/30/87
	Advisor to Board	
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.		6/30/87

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1986 was a year of many changes for the Town of Belchertown. With the influx of so many new people into town, all departments are feeling the pressure for more services.

An effort to make communications better between town boards and commissions was actively sought after this past year. Each member of the Board of Selectmen was assigned a duty to represent the board with other boards: **Herbert E. Squires** served as chairman of the board, Public Works Liaison and Trustee of the Clapp Memorial Library; **Bernard R. Kubiak** served as clerk and Acting Municipal Right to Know Law Coordinator, Budget Committee and Liaison to Finance and School Committees; **Shirley Aldrich** served as Human Services Liaison; **JoAnne Newman** as Environmental and Planning Liaison and County Advisory Board Representative; and **Kenneth Rhodes** served as Vice Chairman of the board and as Public Safety Liaison.

In an effort to assist in planning for the future here, a Town Planner, Jim Mazik, was hired under a $20,000 grant. He has the dual role of assisting the Planning Board members in their functions and also the Board of Selectmen in applying for grants to financially enable the town to do better planning.

New Secretary

The Board of Selectmen also hired a new secretary this past year. Her name is Carrie Riffenburg and she fit right into the swing of things here. They bid a fond farewell to Nancy Olender who left to go to another job.

Chestnut Hill Community School

Planning for the future also means providing for the education of our children. Over the past year, construction of an $8.2 million new middle school, Chestnut Hill Community School off State Street was completed. While there were many controversial aspects of the project, a leaky roof being the major one, the school is certainly an attractive and functional, up-to-date facility for the town. This facility was 75% state funded through the Massachusetts Department of Education. A federal Land & Water Conservation Grant partially funded the recreational portion of the grounds there.

New Day Care Facility

In addition, another facility, the Belchertown Day Care Center, located directly next door to the new middle school, was also constructed and completed with funding from the Executive Office of Communities and Development. The Community Block Grant of $322,900 not only built this facility ($231,900) but brought town water down to the railroad tracks and Independent Cement Terminal off State Street ($91,000). The next step is to loop it over to the Day Care facility and Chestnut Hill Community School. This facility should alleviate some of the community's problems for day care and working parents.

Piper Farm Property - Open Space

An over-whelming vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting in 1986 resulted in the voters mandating that the Piper Farm property off Maple Street here be purchased for $185,000 and preserved for open space, recreation and possible future municipal use. To date, the Town does not yet own the property. The Selectmen have been going through a lot of red tape pertaining to it and are now waiting for the title to be cleared for taking under the Eminent Domain provision, of the law.

Byron Hudson House Purchase

Voters also approved purchasing the Byron Hudson property on North Main Street for $100,000. The house and barn have subsequently been sold and must be removed from the property. A possible use for the land is a new Fire Station, as it is located directly adjacent to the existing facility. This department is also feeling the pressure of growth and new homes in the town to be serviced.

Roadway Grants & Upgrading

The board has received many grants from the state to aid in various areas of development here. One, a Community Development Action Grant, allowed the town to rebuild Old Springfield Road from the railroad tracks to Rte. 21 to provide better access for a new business there, North East Treaters Association.

Another, a Public Works and Economic Development Grant, will renovate traffic circulation in the center of town. It is a project which has resulted in more communications with the businesses located in that area of town and one which will hopefully make the traffic situation better there without losing valuable parking for those merchants.

The board is working toward paving all gravel roads in town to allow for the phasing out of the town's old highway grader. It has been costly to repair and would be costly to purchase a new one. Doing this would provide for better road conditions and easier snow removal in the winter months.

Housing Grants

Two grants were received by the Belchertown Housing Authority and one has already resulted in ground breaking ceremonies. An Executive Office of Economic Development grant under Chapter 689, State/Special Needs Housing for the Handicapped, will assist in building units off East Walnut Street with occupancy expected in the fall of 1987

Another EOCD grant, Chapter 705, Scattered Site Family Housing will result in six duplexes being built. To date, the appropriate site for the facilities is being sought.

Public Safety

The Town took possession this year of a new police cruiser and saw the addition of two more police officers to the force. Members of the board directed the town ambulance to be moved from the new Highway Garage to a safer location at the old highway garage on Jabish Street A new ambulance is also on order to upgrade that department.

A new employee was added to the Town's Maintenance Department. This department was independently responsible for the renovations at the Police Department and the old Highway Garage. They also did a lot of work on the tennis courts at the Chestnut Hill Community School.

All railroad grade crossings were upgraded in Belchertown over the past year by the Central Vermont Railroad. Rubber mats were installed at all of these.

The Town's Fire Department has had a rough year this past year because of the tire fire at Tolpa's Salvage Yard on Bay Road. The fire lasted for about four days and depleted the department's budget. It was a tough fire to fight but the department, despite being a volunteer one, did an excellent job and spent many hours on the site.

Public Utilities

Problems with inflow and infiltration of the George Hannum Road Sewer Line were met with an initial grant from the Deparment of Environmental Quality Engineering for $45,000. It is thought that through the efforts of our Executive Secretary William G. Whitlock and the sewer commissioners, 90% of the cost for this project should be obtained from DEQE.

Property off Orchard Street needed to protect a town well was taken by eminent domain this year. Selectmen also took action to force the Bondsville Water District to upgrade water service in South Belchertown following many complaints of low pressure in homes there.

Various members of town departments assisted the Belchertown State School in locating a break in the water main to the facility. Water service to the new middle school was interrupted for several days when this occurred.

A Few Firsts

The Town saw the inception of a number of different, new and innovative happenings this past year.

1986 saw the creation of the first Community Band here. The band is comprised of different members from all segments of the community. They sponsored many concerts throughout the past summer and were a big success.

The creation of the Belchertown Eagles Youth Football Organization resulted in the first football team for the town. We'd like to wish them a winning season in 1987.

Another first was the appearance of the Belchertown Business Council which consists of members of the business community here. This group has become more and more active in both civic and political matters of the town.

The Belchertown Community Playground Committee received sanction from the Board of Selectmen to go ahead and raise $45,000 for the construction of a creative play area on the grounds of the Chestnut Hill Community School.

The Central Vermont Railroad brought the first Santa Train to town shortly before Christmas. Both adults and children took advantage of riding on the train and visiting with Santa Claus. This is an event which has been promised annually from now on.

Tradition Continued

Selectmen here helped to maintain the annual Belchertown Fair and to make it a "family fair" with more of a country-like atmosphere. Through the efforts especially of the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club, the fair did go on and was said to be a tremendous success. A big "Thank You" goes out to this club and all who were part of keeping this tradition in Belchertown.

Coming In 1987

Townspeople will see Cable Television here this year. A permit was issued to Amrak-Clearview Cablevision to provide this service to the community.

The canal bridge between South Belchertown and Bondsville is slated for replacement during the summer of 1987.

Lawrence Memorial Hall is now under renovation. Voters appropriated $260,000 for this purpose. In December of 1986, this project was already $265,000 over budget. The project will see many different offices located in one building to make it more convenient for the residents here. Many aspects of the job are being looked at to see if the town can accomplish it on its own without hiring outside labor.

A $500,000 grant from DEQE for the Protection and Acquisition of Aquifer Property will be utilized to purchase property the town wants to protect in aquifer areas here.

A proposal to install a Cargo Transfer Facility for the off-loading and distribution of new automobiles is being considered. The new industry for the town promises to provide 150-200 new jobs on a site off North Liberty Street.

The Board wishes to thank all departments & residents for their cooperation during the past year.

Hebert E. Squires
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Office of the Executive Secretary has been involved in several projects throughout 1986. In my report I will apprise the citizens of Belchertown on the issues we have handled and those we face as our community continues to grow.

This year, as in previous years, the Town was fortunate to receive numerous State grants through the efforts of the Executive Office of Communities and Developments. The first phase of the Small Cities Block grant was used to construct the Belchertown Day Care Center. The center is now in full operation.

The second phase of this grant was utilized to extend the water line down Maple Street, under the railroad track and on to Stadler Street. This new extension services the new commerce in that area and the new middle school.

The contracts for the Aquifer Protection grant have been signed and approved by the Commonwealth. We have scheduled a study for the aquifer district for the spring of '87.

Energy conservation remains a priority for all town officials. Our school department has applied energy saving devices in several of their buildings. We continue to implement these devices with the financial resources of energy grants. Listed are projects completed:

1. Insulation of ceiling at Jr/Sr High School
2. Pool cover at Chestnut Hill Community School
3. Lighting change at Center School

The sum of the above projects was approximately $69,000.00

A great deal of time has been spent working with the School Building Committee, especially with Mrs. Pat Burton, Chairman of the Committee. We are guiding the finalization of all phases at Chestnut Hill Community School. The recreation portion of the grant was approved by the Selectmen and has been sent to Boston for the close-out of this grant. Presently, we are completing the final punch list and are assured that these will be completed in an acceptable manner.

I have been working with the Highway Superintendent and we are compiling a list of all the roads and streets in Belchertown, their present condition and the repairs which have been completed over the past few years. Once we complete this list, we will set up a repair schedule.

We are also setting up a similar schedule for all Town buildings. The main purpose of this is to keep the Town buildings in good condition. They will then be maintained on a methodical timely basis.

The Town received funds from the Department of Public Works to reconstruct the Three Rivers Road underpass and to replace culverts under the canal. The work on this project was a joint effort by our Highway Department and the Ludlow Division of the Springfield Water Department. This project was under the direction of Ed Golding, who gave us his full cooperation and helped make this project a success. Since the completion of this project, the notorious drainage in that area has been alleviated.

The Town was the recipient of the State grant to fund the desperately needed position of Town Planner. Jim Mazik filled this position in April and has been a tremendous help to all of us here in Town Hall. The Town has been and will continue to face growth and this particular position is of the utmost importance.

In 1987 another man will be added to our Maintenance Department. This will finally bring that department to a level of sufficiency to meet the daily demands placed on our Maintenance Department. Last year we received a joint incentive aid grant with the schools to examine the maintenance of all the town buildings, mowing, maintenance of the ball fields. etc. The suggestion from this examination was to bid out all the mowing. This year we did that and it has been quite successful so far. It saves time and in the long run should save money.

I try to meet with the department heads on a monthly basis. This system is working nicely, as it keeps the lines of communication open and keeps everyone abreast of the current issues and events.

The Town received a $75,000.00 CDAG grant for the reconstruction of Springfield Road. Northeast Treaters is established in their new facility on Springfield Road, which made upgrading the road to Rte. 21 a priority for public safety.

The Sewer Commissioners have received a grant to study the four (4) zones of the George Hannum Interceptor. Once the study is completed, the Sewer Commission will determine if the interceptor is in need of repair. Our present sewer line is in need of enlargement in order to handle the flow imposed.

The Town is presently working with the Department of Public Transportation regarding the Main Street intersection. We have received a PWED grant to reconstruct this intersection to allow an even flow of traffic through this most difficult area. Hopefully this construction will start in the Summer of '87.

A major project underway is the renovation of Lawrence Memorial Hall to house the municipal offices. I work closely with the Renovation Committee who have chosen the architectural firm of Bednarski/Stein of Greenfield. We are looking forward to the Town's cooperation in making this long overdue project a success.

Through the Massachusetts Municipal Assn. I have been elected to serve a two (2) year term on the Local Government Advisory Board. This board meets with the governor monthly to discuss major issues facing the communities. I find this position to be most interesting and it has been most helpful in meeting new people at the State level.

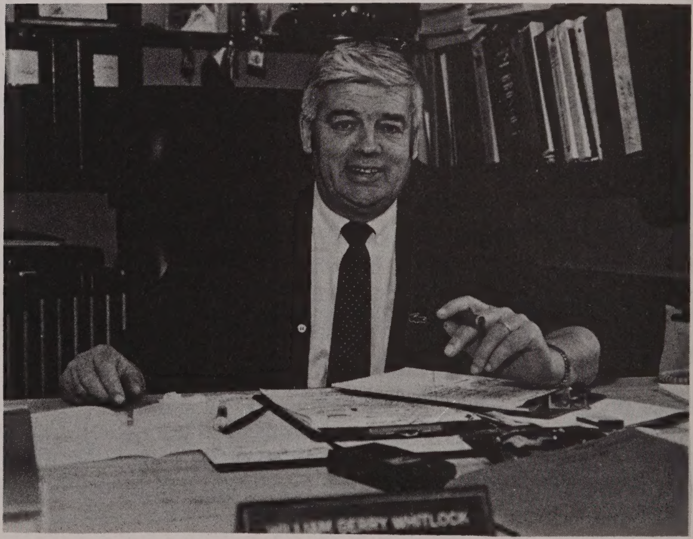
It has been my pleasure to work with Senator Wetmore, Congressman Conte and Representative Collins. I want to take this opportunity to welcome Stan Rosenberg as our new Representative. They have all been instrumental to the welfare and prosperity of Belchertown. We are lucky to have such dedicated legislators of tremendous caliber serving our particular needs.

It has also been my pleasure to serve as the representative to the Board of Selectmen. Their cooperation has contributed to the completion of the numerous projects. Their support, during my most difficult personal situation, is greatly appreciated. I want to thank all of the residents and the various boards and committees for all their help and understanding during the past year. I want to thank the office staff, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lofland, Mrs. Olender, and Miss Riffenburg for their loyalty and hard work. All of these people make my job a great deal easier and successful.

We look forward to the new year. We anticipate another busy year full of growth. We all continue to work in the best interests of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Whitlock
Executive Secretary



EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

JUNE 30, 1986

	BALANCE 07/10/85	ADDITIONS	INCOME	EXPENDED	TRANSFERRED OUT	DESIGNATED FOR SUBSEQ. YRS. EXP.	UNDESIGNATED BALANCE 06/30/86	BALANCE
POOR FUNDS:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	73,911.17		12,754.82	7,288.56			79,377.43	79,377.43
Whiting Street	14,851.55		1,926.69	2,092.24			14,686.00	14,686.00
SCHOOL FUNDS:								
George W. Longley Music	437.33		205.31				642.64	642.64
Calvin Bridgman H. S.	3,110.73		729.37	500.00			3,340.10	3,340.10
LIBRARY FUNDS:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	3,467.94		583.97				4,051.91	4,051.91
TOWN CLOCK FUND:								
Frank Scialla Memorial	162.46		153.92				316.38	316.38
CEMETERY FUNDS:								
Perpetual Care	7,964.10		4,421.72	2,755.27			9,630.55	9,630.55
Nellie E. Brown	1,661.76		207.42	30.00			1,839.18	1,839.18
Susan E. Bridgman	403.68		31.95				435.63	435.63
Willard Stebbins	1,401.45		226.82				1,628.27	1,628.27
Vianna E. Somes	708.68		77.99				786.67	786.67
HAROLD HOLLINGS FUND		1,225.00					1,225.00	1,225.00
CONSERVATION FUND	10,413.70	1,000.00	838.56				12,252.26	12,252.26
STABILIZATION FUND	1,526,288.28		137,910.63		411,158.74	185,000.00	1,068,040.17	1,253,040.17
	1,644,782.83	2,225.00	160,069.17	12,666.07	411,158.74	185,000.00	1,198,252.19	1,383,252.19

LONG TERM DEBT GROUP

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30,1986

	WARREN WRIGHT WATER LOAN	RITA LANE WATER LOAN	BAY ROAD WATER LOAN	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOAN	TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
ASSETS					
Amount To Be Provided for the payment of Debt	19,100.00	27,000.00	3,940.00	7,590,000.00	7,640,040.00
LIABILITIES					
Bond Indebtedness	19,100.00	27,000.00	3,940.00	7,590,000.00	7,640,040.00

SCHEDULE OF BOND INDEBTEDNESS

JUNE 30,1986

	LOAN ISSUE	RATE	OUTSTANDING 07/01/85	PAID IN FY 1986	OUTSTANDING 06/30/86	DUE IN FY 1987
Warren Wright Water Loan	1980	5.0	21,500.00	2,400.00	19,100.00	2,400.00
Rita Lane Water Loan	1983	5.0	29,500.00	2,500.00	27,000.00	2,500.00
Bay Road Water Loan	1984	5.0	4,270.00	330.00	3,940.00	330.00
Middle School Construction Loan	1984	9.27	8,000,000.00	410,000.00	7,590,000.00	410,000.00
			8,055,270.00	415,230.00	7,640,040.00	415,230.00

Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget & Actual

General Fund and Federal Revenue Sharing Fund

For the Period Ended June 30, 1986

	General Fund				Federal Revenue Sharing			Memorandum Only			
	Budget	Transfers	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Total Budget	Transfers	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:											
Taxes	$2,980,146.21		$3,044,446.83	$64,300.62				$2,980,146.21		$3,044,446.83	$64,300.62
State Receipt	3,402,688.00		3,440,546.09	37,858.09				3,402,688.00		3,440,546.09	37,858.09
Excise Taxes	246,226.55		364,580.89	118,354.34				246,226.55		364,580.89	118,354.34
Tax Liens			41,986.96	41,986.96						41,986.96	41,986.96
Licenses, Permits, Fees	286,799.26		374,869.24	88,069.98				286,799.26		374,869.24	88,069.98
Interest	115,501.42		218,452.25	102,950.83		20,937.96	20,937.96	115,501.42		239,390.21	123,888.79
Grant					85,000.00	112,129.00	27,129.00	85,000.00		112,129.00	27,129.00
Total Revenues	7,031,361.44		7,484,882.26	453,520.82	85,000.00	133,066.96	48,066.96	7,116,361.44		7,617,949.22	501,587.78
Expenditures:											
General Government	337,809.01	13,556.61	318,098.26	33,267.36	34,334.00	30,259.00	4,075.00	372,143.01	13,556.61	348,357.26	37,342.36
Protection	527,525.06	4,755.50	518,721.80	13,558.76	9,200.00	8,987.27	212.73	536,725.06	4,755.50	527,709.07	13,771.49
Education	3,870,951.00		3,635,097.06	235,853.94	177,840.00	177,839.34	.66	4,048,791.00		3,812,936.40	235,854.60
Highways	515,266.66	2,300.00	495,771.99	21,794.67	2,000.00	1,819.53	180.47	517,266.66	2,300.00	497,591.52	21,975.14
Environmental	79,141.00	18,944.88	67,189.12	30,896.76				79,141.00	18,944.88	67,189.12	30,896.76
Human Services	104,681.05	15,700.00	107,500.08	12,880.97				104,681.05	15,700.00	107,500.08	12,880.97
Library & Recreation	102,078.15	50.00	95,555.87	6,572.28	3,500.00	2,817.78	682.22	105,578.15	50.00	98,373.65	7,254.50
Buildings & Grounds	365,503.76		168,487.48	197,016.28	5,000.00		5,000.00	370,503.76		168,487.48	202,016.28
Unclassified	1,731,787.46	(55,306.99)	1,619,322.78	57,157.69	7,000.00	1,565.00	5,435.00	1,738,787.46	(55,306.99)	1,620,887.78	62,592.69
State Assessments	175,880.00		175,113.61	766.39				175,880.00		175,113.61	766.39
Prior Year Expenditures	234,120.14		198,489.00	35,631.14	18,640.17	9,230.77	9,409.40	252,760.31		207,719.77	45,040.54
Total Expenditures	8,044,743.29		7,399,347.05	645,396.24	257,514.17	232,518.69	24,995.48	8,302,257.46		7,631,865.74	670,391.72
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,013,381.85)		85,535.21	1,098,917.06	(172,514.17)	(99,451.73)	73,062.44	(1,185,896.02)		(13,916.52)	1,171,979.50
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Operating Transfers In	452,962.05		416,320.79	(36,641.26)		4,900.94	4,900.94	452,962.05		421,221.73	(31,740.32)
Operating Transfers Out											
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	452,962.05		416,320.79	(36,641.26)		4,900.94	4,900.94	452,962.05		421,221.73	(31,740.32)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing (Uses)	(560,419.80)		501,856.00	1,062,275.80	(172,514.17)	(94,550.79)	77,963.38	(732,933.97)		407,305.21	1,140,239.18
Fund Balance 07/01/85	1,720,603.61		1,720,603.61		331,464.84	331,464.84	0.0	2,052,068.45		2,052,068.45	0.0
Fund Balance 06/30/86	1,160,183.81		2,222,459.61	1,062,275.80	158,950.67	236,914.05	77,963.38	1,319,134.48		2,459,373.66	1,140,239.18

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPE & ACCOUNT GROUPS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30,1986

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	FIDUCIARY TRUST FUND	LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS
ASSETS						
Cash	1,265,801.43	$512,020.51	$245,250.08	$461,204.19		$2,309,432.21
Investments	1,422,981.28			983,245.33		2,406,226.61
Petty Cash Advance	400.00					400.00
Accounts Receivable:						
Property Taxes	317,027.10					317,027.10
Excise Taxes	129,624.37					129,624.37
Tax Liens	60,532.72					60,532.72
User Charges	4,503.13					4,503.13
Special Assessments	22,370.01					22,370.01
Departmental	39,865.07					39,865.07
Interest	10,119.81	1,136.83		15,629.81		26,886.45
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Amounts	(84,450.78)					(84,450.78)
Tax Foreclosures	904.71					904.71
Due from other Governments		168,885.76	77,064.34			420,794.10
Due from others		495.00				495.00
Amount to be Provided for the						
payment of Notes			101,853.00			101,853.00
Debt					7,640,040.00	7,640,040.00
TOTAL ASSETS	3,189,678.85	682,538.10	424,167.42	1,460,079.33	7,640,040.00	13,396,503.70

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	FIDUCIARY TRUST FUNDS	LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	550,941.35	11,491.28				562,432.63
Employees Withholdings	35,327.01					35,327.01
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	167,576.32					167,576.32
Excise Taxes	84,624.37					84,624.37
Tax Liens	60,532.72					60,532.72
User Charges	3,007.82					3,007.82
Departmental	39,865.07					39,865.07
Special Assessments	22,370.01					22,370.01
Due from other Governments		128,212.77	77,064.34			205,277.11
Notes Payable			56,200.00			56,200.00
Unclaimed Checks	1,228.80					1,228.80
Due to other Gov't.	1,745.77					1,745.77
Bond Indebtedness					7,640,040.00	7,640,040.00
	967,219.24	139,704.05	133,264.34		7,640,040.00	8,880,227.63
Fund Equity:						
Reserve for Encumbrances	380,651.72	13,010.68				393,662.40
Reserve for Abatements & Exemption Surplus	300.06					300.06
Reserve for Over (Under) Estimates	766.39					766.39
Unreserved:						
Subseq. Years Exp.	902,277.00	447,110.19		185,000.00		1,534,387.19
Undesignated	938,464.44	82,220.10	290,193.08	1,198,252.19		2,509,129.81
Reserved			500.00	76,827.14		77,327.14
Undesignated Interest		493.08				493.08
Plan deposits			210.00			210.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,222,459.61	542,834.05	290,903.08	1,460,079.33		4,516,276.07
TOTAL LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY	3,189,678.85	682,538.10	424,167.42	1,460,079.33	7,640,040.00	13,396,503.70

General Fund

Statement of Expenditures Compared to Authorizations

June 30, 1986

	Budget	Transfer Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government				
Moderator	$45.00	$	$35.00	$10.00
Selectmen	14,100.00		14,099.31	.69
Executive Secretary	28,677.11		28,470.10	207.01
Accountant	62,633.60	250.00	61,006.89	1,876.71
Treas., Coll., Clerk	107,717.00	6,503.50	103,811.65	10,408.85
Assessors	67,177.00		60,925.17	6,251.83
Law Account	20,050.00	6,297.47	25,287.85	1,059.62
Finance Comm.	315.00		178.87	136.13
Election & Regis.	17,350.00		9,937.16	7,412.84
Planning Board	18,189.30	505.64	12,982.24	5,712.70
Board of Appeals	1,500.00		1,364.02	135.98
Personnel Board	55.00			55.00
	337,809.01	13,556.61	318,098.26	33,267.36
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police Department	376,022.44		375,956.03	66.41
Police Station	6,800.00		5,021.53	1,778.47
Ambulance	17,860.00		15,142.04	2,717.96
Fire Department	71,215.00	955.50	71,295.22	875.28
Dog Officer	8,750.00		6,878.64	1,871.36
Building Inspector	32,287.62	3,800.00	33,178.77	2,908.85
Civil Defense	925.00		820.66	104.34
Tree Warden	8,595.00		7,793.36	801.64
Dutch Elm	2,320.00		1,912.06	407.94
Insect Pest Control	2,750.00		723.49	2,026.51
	527,525.06	4,755.50	518,721.80	13,558.76
Education				
Town Schools	3,870,951.00		3,635,097.06	235,853.94
	3,870,951.00		3,635,097.06	235,853.94
Highways				
Personal Services	205,436.66		200,614.69	4,821.97
Town Garage	10,100.00	2,300.00	11,057.34	1,342.66
Sanitary Landfill	14,240.00		14,043.57	196.43
Construction Mat.	15,000.00		15,000.00	
Hired Services	25,440.00		25,440.00	
Streets	45,000.00		44,972.16	27.84
Road Machinery	59,050.00		53,148.40	5,901.60
Snow Removal	60,000.00		55,133.99	4,866.01
Sidewalks	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Dump Trucks	45,000.00		44,390.36	609.64
Street Lighting	24,000.00		20,010.88	3,989.12

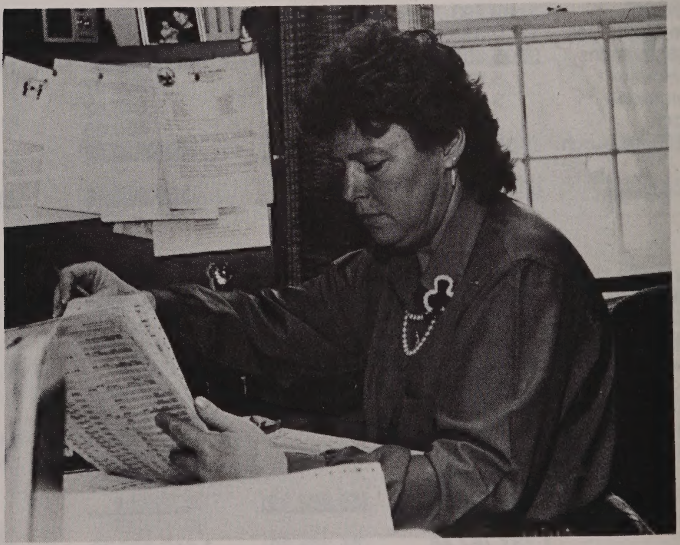
Profess. Eng.	7,000.00		6,960.60	39.40
	515,266.66	2,300.00	495,771.99	21,794.67
Environmental				
Conservation Comm.	4,585.00	314.88	4,784.72	115.16
Agric. Preserv.		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Indust. Devel.	25.00			25.00
Energy Resources	25.00			25.00
Historical Comm.	300.00		31.20	268.80
Campbell Land Purch.	16,000.00			16,000.00
Sewer Commission	57,150.00	5,600.00	51,817.20	10,932.80
Water Line S. Belc.		7,500.00	7,500.00	
Geo. Thermal Energy		3,530.00		3,530.00
Hazardous Waste Coll.	1,056.00		1,056.00	
	79,141.00	18,944.88	67,189.12	30,896.76
Human Services				
Council on Aging	45,149.71	1,900.00	46,633.28	416.43
Rent Control Board	1,000.00	300.00	384.67	915.33
Board of Health	12,829.00		11,700.20	1,128.80
Quabbin Health Dist.	20,822.34		10,411.17	10,411.17
Veteran's Agent	2,880.00		2,880.00	
Veteran's Benefits	22,000.00	13,500.00	35,490.76	9.24
	104,681.05	15,700.00	107,500.08	12,880.97
Library & Recreation				
Library	35,577.05		35,492.70	84.35
Parks, Beach, Recreation	60,001.10	50.00	55,381.75	4,669.35
Old Town Hall	6,500.00		4,681.42	1,818.58
	102,078.15	50.00	95,555.87	6,572.28
Buildings & Grounds				
Maintenance	49,793.76		49,215.86	577.90
Lawrence Mem. Hall	2,050.00		1,973.03	76.97
L.M.H. Renovations	205,000.00		9,550.00	195,450.00
Finnerty House	5,110.00		4,302.97	807.03
Town Common	3,050.00		3,045.62	4.38
Town Clock	500.00		400.00	100.00
Hudson House Purch.	100,000.00		100,000.00	
	365,503.76		168,487.48	197,016.28
Unclassified				
Pensions	130,186.00		130,186.00	
Insurance	321,761.00	3,576.00	298,996.93	26,340.07
Printing Town Report	4,000.00		2,041.75	1,958.25
Patriotic Excercises	300.00		296.47	3.53
Expenses and Unpaid Bills	19,069.46		19,015.11	54.35
Veterans Graves	500.00	1,100.00	1,439.78	160.22
Cemetery Comm.	21,025.00		21,025.00	
Interest	759,716.00		731,091.74	28,624.26
Maturing Debt	415,230.00		415,230.00	
Reserve Fund	60,000.00	(59,982.99)		17.01
	1,731,787.46	(55,306.99)	1,619,322.78	57,157.69

Summary

General Gov't.	337,809.01	13,556.61	318,098.26	33,267.36
Protection	527,525.06	4,755.50	518,721.80	13,558.76
Education	3,870,951.00		3,635,097.06	235,853.94
Highways	515,266.66	2,300.00	495,771.99	21,794.67
Environmental	79,141.00	18,944.88	67,189.12	30,896.76
Human Services	104,681.05	15,700.00	107,500.08	12,880.97
Library & Recreation	102,078.15	50.00	95,555.87	6,572.28
Buildings & Grounds	365,503.76		168,487.48	197,016.28
Unclassified	1,731,787.46	(55,306.99)	1,619,322.78	57,157.69
	7,634,743.15		7,025,744.44	608,998.71

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TOTAL
1987	$415,230.00	$686,529.50	$1,101,759.50
1988	415,230.00	648,343.00	1,063,573.00
1989	415,230.00	610,156.50	1,025,386.50
1990	415,230.00	571,970.00	987,200.00
1991	405,230.00	534,246.00	939,476.00
1992	405,230.00	496,984.50	902,214.50
1993	405,130.00	459,723.00	864,853.00
1994	405,030.00	422,469.00	827,499.00
1995	402,730.00	385,275.00	788,005.00
1996	402,730.00	348,138.50	750,868.50
1997	402,720.00	311,002.00	713,722.00
1998	400,320.00	273,866.00	674,186.00
1999	400,000.00	236,850.00	636,850.00
2000	400,000.00	199,850.00	599,850.00
2001	400,000.00	162,750.00	562,750.00
2002	400,000.00	125,550.00	525,550.00
2003	400,000.00	88,350.00	488,350.00
2004	400,000.00	51,150.00	451,150.00
2005	350,000.00	16,275.00	366,275.00
	7,640,040.00	6,629,478.00	14,269,518.00



Report of Tax and Town Collector
July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

1975 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		356.40
Outstanding 06/30/86	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

1976 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		267.75
Abated	33.15	
Outstanding 06/30/86	234.60	
	267.75	267.75

1977 Fiscal Real Estate Raxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		539.00
Abated	203.35	
Outstanding 06/30/86	335.65	
	539.00	539.00

1978 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		631.80
Abated	215.80	
Outstanding 06/30/86	416.00	
	631.80	631.80

1979 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		1,659.98
Abated	240.70	
Outstanding 06/30/86	1,419.28	
	1,659.98	1,659.98

1980 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		1,498.00
Abated	30.80	
Outstanding 06/30/86	1,467.20	
	1,498.00	1,498.00

1981 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		1,362.89
Abated	36.40	
Outstanding 06/30/86	1,326.49	
	1,362.89	1,362.89

1982 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 06/30/85		2,066.52
Audit Adjustment		428.67

Abated	275.50	
Outstanding 06/30/86	2,219.69	
	2,495.19	2,495.19
1983 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes		
Outstanding 06/30/85		7,112.03
Abated	1,533.52	
Collected	1,415.63	
Outstanding 06/30/86	4,162.88	
	7,112.03	7,112.03
1984 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes		
Outstanding 06/30/85		19,669.67
Refunded		168.64
Abated	308.03	
Collected	14,599.67	
Outstanding 06/30/86	4,930.61	
	19,838.31	19,838.31
1985 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes		
Outstanding 06/30/85		1,569,269.79
Refunded		23,363.26
Abated	62,212.09	
Collected	1,465,536.68	
To Tax Title	24,154.90	
Outstanding 06/30/86	40,729.38	
	1,592,633.05	1,592,633.05
1986 Fiscal Real Estate Taxes		
Committed for Collection		3,005,293.11
Refunded		22,087.92
Abated	69,771.28	
Collected	2,703,566.44	
Outstanding 06/30/86	254,043.31	
	3,027,381.03	3,027,381.03
1980 Boat Excise		
Outstanding 06/30/85		88.00
Outstanding 06/30/86	88.00	
	88.00	88.00
1978 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		17.68
Outstanding 06/30/86	17.68	
	17.68	17.68
1980 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		105.52
Collected	21.52	

Outstanding 06/30/86	84.00	
	105.52	105.52
1981 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		125.44
Collected	41.44	
Outstanding 06/30/86	84.00	
	125.44	125.44
1982 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		113.69
Collected	41.51	
Outstanding 06/30/86	72.18	
	113.69	113.69
1983 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		468.30
Collected	107.74	
Outstanding 06/30/86	360.56	
	468.30	468.30
1984 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		514.49
Collected	89.04	
Outstanding 06/30/86	425.45	
	514.49	514.49
1985 Personal Property		
Outstanding 06/30/85		936.35
Committed for Collection		37,675.76
Refunded		276.01
Abated	305.98	
Collected	37,246.84	
Outstanding 06/30/86	1,335.30	
	38,888.12	38,888.12
1986 Personal Property		
Committed for Collection		78,980.14
Refunded		249.21
Abated	266.70	
Collected	75,997.03	
Outstanding 06/30/86	2,965.62	
	79,229.35	79,225.35
1981Warren Wright Water		
Outstanding 06/30/85		635.25
Outstanding 06/30/86	635.25	
	635.25	635.25

1985 Warren Wright Water

Outstanding 06/30/85		93.00
Outstanding 06/30/86	93.00	
	93.00	93.00

1986 Warren Wright Water

Committed for Collection		1,589.08
Collected	1,589.08	
	1,589.08	1,589.08

1984 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 06/30/85		237.66
Collected	237.66	
	237.66	237.66

1985 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 06/30/85		448.80
Collected	336.60	
Outstanding 06/30/86	112.20	
	448.80	448.80

1986 Bay Road Betterment

Committed for Collection		3,182.25
Collected	2,934.65	
Outstanding 06/30/86	247.60	
	3,182.25	3,182.25

1985 Water Liens

Outstanding 06/30/85		1,413.16
Collected	1,045.96	
To Subs. Tax Title	249.91	
Outstanding 06/30/86	117.29	
	1,413.16	1,413.16

1986 Water Liens

Committed for Collection		6,438.76
Collected	5,152.54	
Outstanding 06/30/86	1,286.22	
	6,438.76	6,438.76

1983 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 06/30/85		1,063.54
Collected (As liens on 85 Real Estate Taxes)	1,063.54	
	1,063.54	1,063.54

1984 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 06/30/85		3,329.58
Committed Dem. & Int.		220.24

Collected (as Sewer Charges)	1,694.19	
Collected (as Liens on 86 Real Estate Taxes)	1,364.58	
Outstanding 06/30/86	491.58	
	3,549.82	3,549.82

1985 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 06/30/85		6,740.48
Committed for Collection		4,160.00
Refunded		79.96
Collected	8,464.20	
Outstanding 06/30/86	2,516.24	
	10,980.44	10,980.44

1986 Real Estate (Return of Forest Products Cut)

Committed for Collection		422.40
Collected	422.40	
	422.40	422.40

1983 Chapter 61

Outstanding 06/30/85		100.40
Collected	100.44	
	100.44	100.44

1984 Chapter 61

Outstanding 06/30/85		704.39
Collected	704.39	
	704.39	704.39

1985 Chapter 61

Committed for Collection		179.59
Collected	22.78	
Outstanding 06/30/86	156.81	
	179.59	179.59

Chapter 61 Withdrawal Penalty Tax

Outstanding 06/30/85		10,531.45
Collected	10,531.45	
	10,531.45	10,531.45

1983 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		364.50
Collected	77.50	
Outstanding 06/30/86	287.00	
	364.50	364.50

1984 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for Collection		1,751.48
Collected	1,423.48	

Outstanding 06/30/86	328.00	
	1,751.48	1,751.48

1985 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for Collection		1,758.06
Collected	1,498.62	
Outstanding 06/30/86	259.44	
	1,758.06	1,758.06

1978 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		8,219.67
Collected	268.14	
Outstanding 06/30/86	7,951.53	
	8,219.67	8,219.67

1979 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		11,752.21
Collected	271.70	
Outstanding 06/30/86	11,480.51	
	11,752.21	11,752.21

1980 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		11,200.61
Refunded		13.75
Abated	13.75	
Collected	426.81	
Outstanding 06/30/86	10,773.80	
	11,214.36	11,214.36

1981 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		3,805.12
Collected	381.25	
Outstanding 06/30/86	3,423.87	
	3,805.12	3,805.12

1982 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		4,917.23
Collected	331.67	
Outstanding 06/30/86	4,585.56	
	4,917.23	4,917.23

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		5,410.50
Refunded		4.58
Abated	10.00	
Collected	822.78	
Outstanding 06/30/86	4,582.30	
	5,415.08	5,415.08

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		8,889.18
Committed for Collection		1,343.56
Refunded		65.30
Abated	682.05	
Collected	3,672.39	
Outstanding 06/30/86	5,943.60	
	10,298.04	10,298.04

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 06/30/85		45,095.27
Committed for Collection		96,349.89
Refunded		2,048.21
Abated	6,724.57	
Collected	127,774.49	
Outstanding 06/30/86	8,994.31	
	143,493.37	143,493.37

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed For Collection		277,778.45
Refunded		1,314.97
Abated	6,081.21	
Collected	203,056.44	
Outstanding 06/30/86	69,955.77	
	279,093.42	279,093.42

Misc. Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 06/30/85		7,254.22
Committed For Collection		14,440.46
Collected	15,067.59	
Outstanding 06/30/86	6,627.09	
	21,694.68	21,694.68

1986 Ambulance

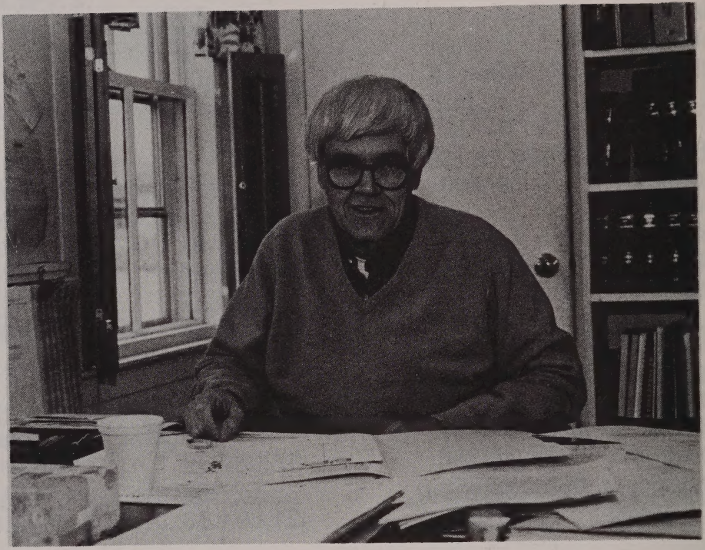
Outstanding 06/30/85		5,628.60
Committed For Collection		21,840.00
Refunded		30.00
To Be Refunded		37.80
Abated	4,073.65	
Collected	15,919.64	
Outstanding 06/30/86	7,543.11	
	27,536.40	27,536.40

TOTAL COLLECTION DURING JULY 1985 - JUNE 1986

Taxes, Excises and Liens	4,674,361.08
Miscellaneous Account	30,987.23
Fees (Warrant & Demand)	4,457.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises and Liens	32,425.61
	4,742,230.92

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Town and Tax Collector



REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Funds borrowed during period 07/01/85 - 06/30/86, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
473	To renew Note #469 Anticipation Federal and State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	07/11/85	18,487.00	10/11/85	4.50%	212.60
474	To renew Note # 470 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	09/06/85	49,925.00	12/06/85	4.90%	618.38
475	To renew Note #471 Anticipation Serial Loan Sewer Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	09/27/85	41,200.00	12/27/85	4.75%	520.72
476	To renew Note #472 Anticipation Federal Grant Land & Water Conservation	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	09/27/85	15,000.00	12/27/85	4.75%	189.58
477	To renew Note #473 Anticipation Federal & State Sewer Grant WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	10/11/85	18,487.00	01/10/86	5.00%	233.66
478	To renew Note #474 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	12/06/85	49,925.00	03/06/86	4.90%	611.58
479	To renew Note #475 Anticipation Serial Loan Sewer Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire county	12/27/85	41,200.00	03/27/86	4.75%	489.25
480	To renew Note #476 Anticipation Federal Grant Land & Water Conservation	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	12/27/85	15,000.00	03/27/86	4.75%	178.13
481	To renew Note #477 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire	01/10/86	18,487.00	04/10/86	5.00%	231.09
482	To renew Note #478 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	03/06/86	49,925.00	06/06/86	5.00%	637.93
483	To renew Note #479 Anticipation Serial Laon Sewer Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	03/27/86	41,200.00	06/27/86	4.75%	500.12

484	To renew Note #480 Anticipation Federal Grant Land & Conservation	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	03/27/86	15,000.00	06/27/86	4.75%	182.08
485	To renew Note #481 Anticipation Federal & State Grants (Sewer) WPC 437	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	04/10/86	18,487.00	07/10/86	4.75%	221.97
486	To renew Note #483 Anticipation Serial Loan Sewer Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	06/27/86	41,200.00	09/26/86	4.10%	At maturity
487	To renew Note #484 Anticipation Federal Grant Land & Water Conservation	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	06/27/86	15,000.00	09/26/86	4.10%	At maturity

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds	06/30/85	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	06/30/86
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	9,110.73	-	729.37	500.00	9,340.10
George D. Longley (Music)	2,437.33	-	205.31	-	2,642.64
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	603.68	-	31.95	-	635.63
Whiting Street	24,851.55	-	1,926.69	2,092.24	24,686.00
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,901.45	-	226.82	-	3,128.27
Calvin Bridgman (Library)_	7,467.94	-	583.97	-	8,051.91
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor)	73,911.17	6,425.76	6,329.06	7,288.56	79,377.43
Vianna Somes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,008.68	-	77.99	-	1,086.67
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	2,661.76	-	207.42	30.00	2,839.18
Perpetual Care (MMDT) (Cemeteries)	50,297.61	-	4,161.13	2,755.27	51,703.47
Perpetual Care (Regular acct.) (Cemeteries	2,903.63	990.00	260.59	-	4,154.22
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	2,262.46	-	153.92	-	2,416.38
Harold Hollings Fund	-	1,225.00	-	-	1,225.00
Conservation Fund	10,413.70	1,000.00	838.56	-	12,252.26
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	445,262.96	191,967.72	33,560.61	411,158.74	259,632.55
Stabilization Fund (Invested as C.D.'s)	1,081,025.32		90,687.73	191,967.72	979,745.33
	1,717,119.97	201,608.48	139,981.12	615,792.53	1,442,917.04

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (poor) - State Audit Value $3,500.00 - 12 month dividend - $6,425.76

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

JULY 1, 1985 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1986

Cash on hand 06/30/85	$2,912,644.62	Payments, as authorized	$27,704,597.39
Receipts 07/01/85 - 06/30/86	27,101,384.98	Cash on hand 06/30/86	2,309,432.21
	$30,014,029.60		$30,014,029.60

Interest Income from Savings Deposits & Investments in Certificates of Deposit, etc., but excluding Trust Fund Interest - $218,557.27

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on hand 06/30/85		298,046.63	Payments, as authorized	236,038.30
Receipts 07/01/85 - 06/30/86:			Cash on hand 06/30/86	208,091.28
Principal	Interest			444,129.58
124,340.00	21,742.95 =	146,082.95		
		444,129.58		

TOWN CLERK REPORT

STATISTICS

BIRTHS

PLACE	BOYS	GIRLS
Northampton	22	34
Springfield	28	20
Ware	4	4
Holyoke	3	2
Greenfield	0	1
Worcester	0	1
	57	62

Total births recorded in Belchertown - 119

MARRIAGES

	Male	Female
Resident	35	42
Non-resident	23	16
	58	58

Married at:	NO.
Belchertown	37
Out of Town	21
	58

DEATHS

Recorded in Belchertown - 68
Males - 45 Females - 23
Resident - 66 Non-resident - 2

Place of Death	No.	Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	19	Worcester	3
Palmer	4	Sunderland	2
Ware	7	East Longmeadow	1
Holyoke	8	Natick	1

Springfield	9	West Brookfield	1
Northampton	7	Newton	1
Ludlow	1	Amherst	1
Westfield	2	Agawam	1
	57		11

FINANCIAL

Receipts	Amount	No. Item
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	10,308.05	900
Dog Licenses (Gross)	7,860.75	1374
B-M-D copies (Certified)	662.00	323
B-M-D copies (Abstracts)	94.00	92
Record Search & Correction	8.00	2
Marriage Intentions	232.00	58
UCC & Termination	2,411.00	269
Pole Orders	162.00	53
Sale of Zoning By-Laws	371.71	93
Sale of Subdivisions Regulations	135.00	27
Fuel & Gas Registration	45.00	18
Business Registration & Discontinuance	43.50	35
Planning Board Fees	8,681.50	111
Filing Fee Board of Appeals	2,874.00	37
Raffle Permits	150.00	15
Sale of Street Lists	406.50	36
Postage & Miscellaneous	34.68	--
	34,479.69	3,443

Payments to:

Division of Fisheries & Game	9,951.75
Town of Belchertown	24,527.94
	34,479.69

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the board of assessors and the clerical staff are very proud of what they have accomplished over the past year. Two fiscal year tax bills were issued in 1986, one in January and the other in October. The determined staff worked diligently toward the goal of mailing out the October 1st bills for FY '87 on time and were late by only three weeks.

AS THE TOWN GROWS, SO DOES THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSING

It has been proven through the numerous checking processes in assessing that Belchertown's values are basically sound. The low amount of applications for abatement received in recent fiscal years has proven that our values have been considered fair and acceptable. Of the 4,500 values established in FY '87 only 23 values were abated, or less than 1%. This is a very small percentage in comparison with the volume of steps necessary to arrive at these values. For instance, in 1985, 637 property transfers occurred, 258 parcel divisions were completed, and 476 building permits were processed. Each entry to the legal file, maps, corresponding map indexes and appraisal cards represents only a fraction of the processes involved in assuring that each task is complete and accurate and will result in a correct value.

INFORMATION IN DEMAND

The assessors office has much valuable information and the demand for that information is rising noticeably. The current, active real estate market has generated a multitude of calls from concerned parties involved in the many real estate transactions. This has created an increase in the workload. The time required to facilitate each request has reduced the time available for assessing duties, and it has become necessary to place a limit on how much information can be given over the phone. The current tax maps and commitment book are available to the public with a three way index used for looking up information on each parcel in town either by location, owner's name or assessors's map and lot number. Field cards can be reviewed in the office or copies can be purchased for a fixed fee. Deed books are open to the public and are filed by calendar year. Current sales information can be derived from the sales sheets (State Form 3S), also available upon request.

CONTINUED EFFORT

The Board of Assessors wishes to serve Belchertown as effectively and congenially as possible and to the utmost of its ability. They feel that with the help of the in-house computer and an on-going educational program they are closing the gap and becoming a more efficient, professional office. The Board is very pleased with the many improvements and refined procedures they've developed in an effort to achieve this goal.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR INSPECTIONS

Much interest has been expressed in the FY '88 interior/exterior inspections which began last fall. At this point we are finding that the inspections are taking longer than anticipated. Though the time frame for individual sections has been met, it is expected that, with the taxpayers continued willingness to cooperate, the overall inspection process will be completed on time.

STATISTICS

For your information, the following statistics have been compiled from the assessors records.

The total valuation of Belchertown has grown from $63,414,860 ten years ago to $174,167,034 as of 1/1/86 (this represents a 275% increase in value). It is anticipated to grow to approximately $245,000,000 as of 1/1/87 (an overall anticipated increase in value of 386%). (See Graph I)

The effect the anticipated increase in value will have on the tax rate can be demonstrated by the following example:

> A home now valued at $55,000 and taxed at a rate of $18.74 has a tax bill of $1,030.70. The same home after the update may anticipate the value to increase to $80,000; a tax rate of approximately $13.50 and a tax bill of $1,080.00. It is clear that although the value has greatly increased, the rate has decreased, resulting in a minimal increase in the actual tax bill.

Statistics show total appropriations have more than tripled in the past ten years. The share of levy to be raised for appropriations has decreased from 50% to 33% in the same period. This indicates that the amount of revenue from other sources such as state aid, has increased at a proportionately higher rate than the levy. (See Graph II)

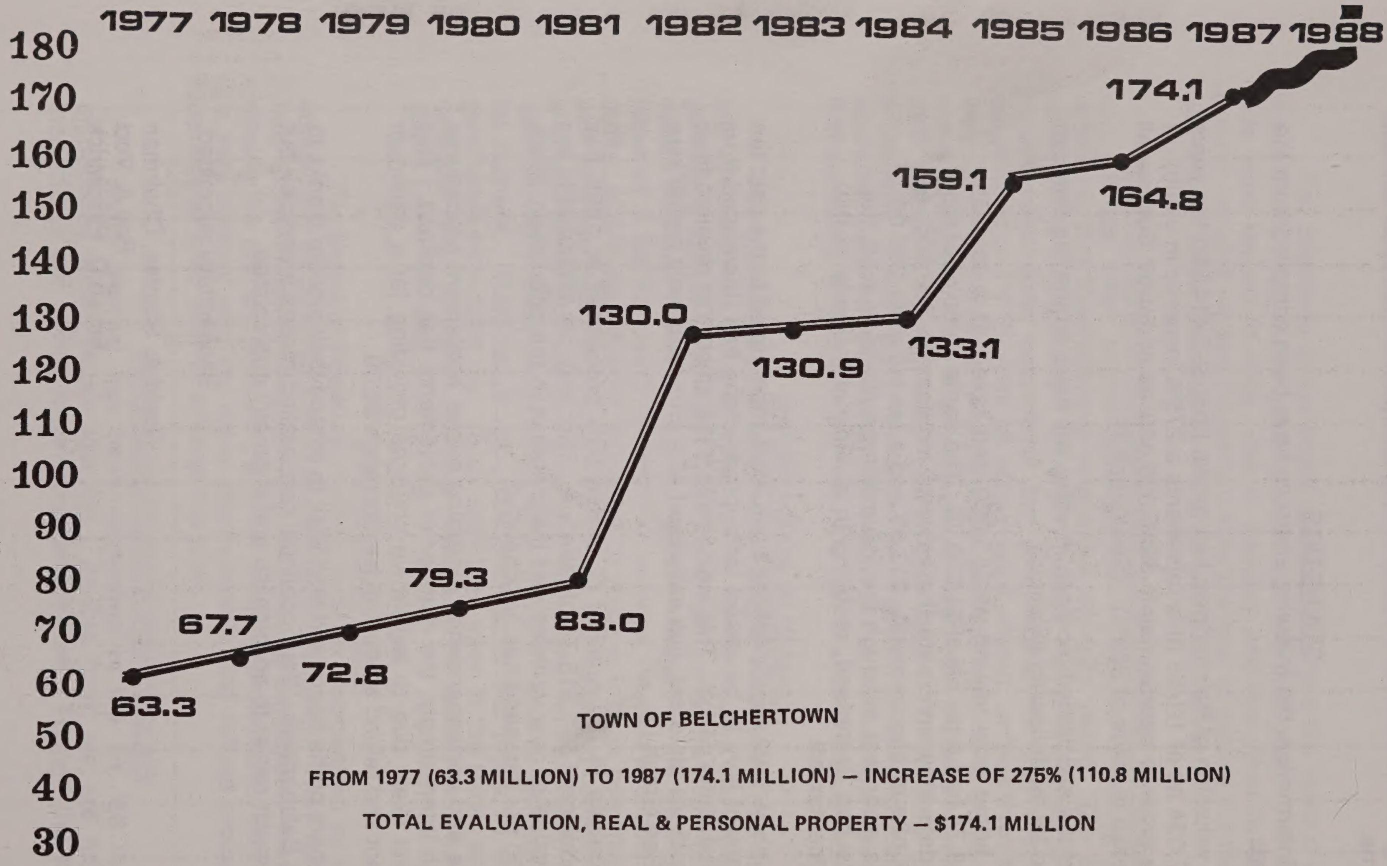
A 4% increase in the number of excise bills processed in 1986 has resulted in an additional $61,515.74 of revenue. This may be attributed to the rising cost and value of new vehicles and the increase in the population, since the rate of $25.00 per thousand has not changed.

Questions and correspondence regarding excise abatement procedures continue, though interestingly, the number of abatements has declined. This decrease is most likely due to legislative changes providing for a minimum excise, abatement and refund amount of not less than $5.00.

The members of the board and staff wish to extend their sincere thanks to the taxpayers of Belchertown. Your continual cooperation makes a complex but necessary task much easier to accomplish and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

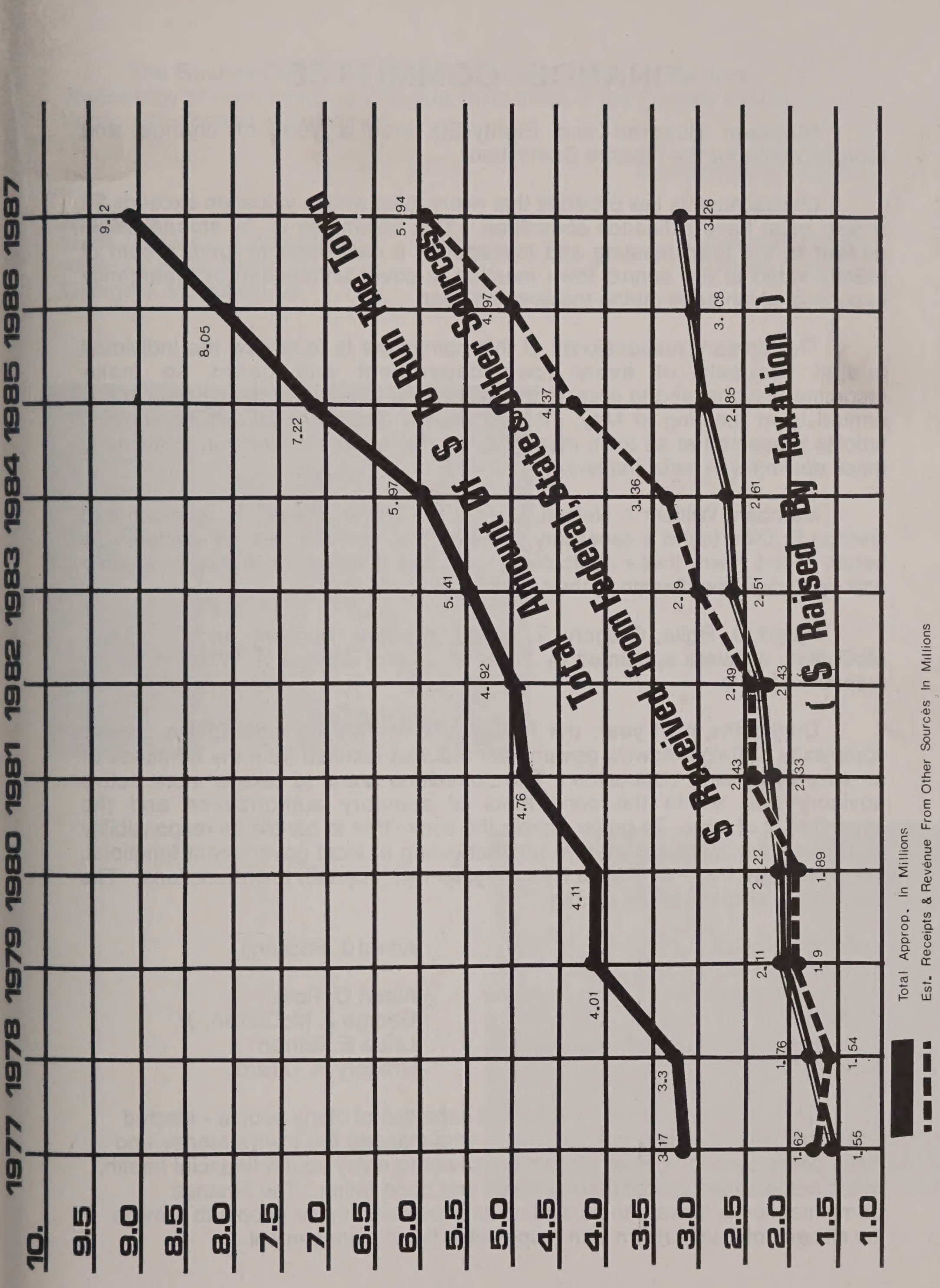
David A. Staples, Chairman
Roy A. Voci
Janise G. Fitzpatrick



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

FROM 1977 (63.3 MILLION) TO 1987 (174.1 MILLION) – INCREASE OF 275% (110.8 MILLION)

TOTAL EVALUATION, REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY – $174.1 MILLION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Total Amount Of $ To Run The Town
$ Received from Federal, State & Other Sources
($ Raised By Taxation)
Total Approp. In Millions
Est. Receipts & Revenue From Other Sources In Millions
Levy To Be Raised In Millions

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Six was a year of change and reorganization for the Finance Committee.

Massachusetts law provides that every town whose valuation exceeds $1 million must have a finance committee. This committee is, by statute, fiscal advisor to the town meeting and manager of a cash reserve fund, a sum of money voted at the annual town meeting to cover unforeseen or emergency expenses which arise during the ensuing year.

The primary responsibility of this committee is to review the individual budget requests of every town department and board, to make recommendations, and to present the overall town budget to the citizens at the annual town meeting in May. It also makes recommendations on warrant articles presented at all town meetings, special as well as annual, particularly those dealing with fiscal matters.

Members William J. Nelson, Donald R. Crevier, Warren H. Johnson and George E. Dion found it necessary to resign their terms on the committee. On behalf of the town, these dedicated people are thanked for their commitment and significant contribution to their community.

Albert D. Rolla, Gregory R. Dillard, Alfred J. Roccanti and George J. McQuillen, Jr. were appointed by Town Moderator Joseph R. White to fill the respective terms.

During the past year, the Finance Committee considered the greater complexity of Belchertown's government that has resulted from the demands of an ever increasing population. The committee plans to take a more active advisory role within the constraints of statutory authorization and the commitment of time. To better enable the committee to handle its responsibility and to acquire more substantive understanding of local government functions, the committee has instituted a liaison system with certain town functions. The committee reorganized as follows:

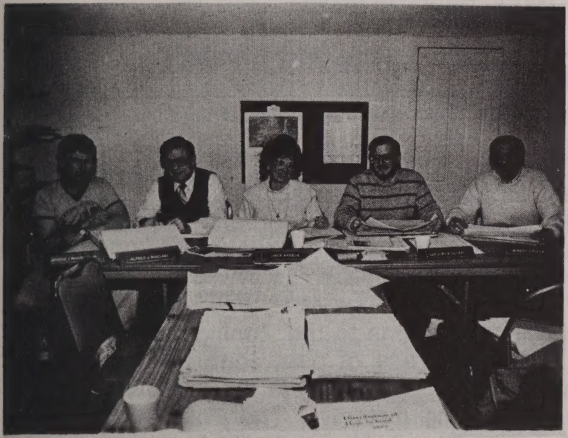
Building and Grounds	Alfred J. Roccanti
Culture and Recreation	
Health and Sanitation, Human Services	Albert D. Rolla
Highways and Sidewalks	George J. McQuillen, Jr.
Protection of Persons and Property	Linda E. Barron
Schools	Gregory R. Dillard

Through the combined efforts and expertise of many people - elected and appointed officials and employees - who manage the town's money and make policy decisions, Belchertown continues to enjoy sound financial health, which has resulted in an excellent credit and bond rating. The Finance Committee looks forward to continuing its efforts with these people to provide the citizens of Belchertown with responsible fiscal management.

The Finance Committee holds its regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in its office in the Finnerty House. Public participation is welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

Members
Linda E. Barron, Chairman
Albert D. Rolla, Clerk
George J. McQuillen, Jr.
Gregory R. Dillard
Alfred Roccanti



PLANNING BOARD

THE BOARD

The year 1986 was a very busy and eventful year for the Planning Board. The make-up of the Planning Board changed substantially with the departure of John E. Shea, Thomas P. Blomstrom in the Spring and long-time chair and member Helen L. Gibson, in the Fall. In addition, a full-time Town Planner was hired in the spring of 1986 to provide technical assistance to the Planning Board on municipal planning issues. Carmine L. Angeloni and Ellen J. Wenner were elected to the Board in the May election to fill the vacancy created by the departure of John Shea. The make-up of the current board is as follows:

Carmine L. Angeloni, Chair
Ellen J. Wenner, Vice-Chair, PVPC Representative
Donald S. Cole, Clerk
Roger W. Bacon, Strategic Planning Committee Representative
Sandra Lyons, Associate Member
One vacancy on the Planning Board still remains.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The Board continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis, holding numerous public hearings on such matters as zone change requests, subdivision regulations changes, zoning by-law amendments and definitive subdivision plans.

The Board made numerous minor revisions to the Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Regulations in 1986 to clarify areas of past confusion. These revisions included redefining frontage and corner lots and allowing for telecommunication facilities in certain zoning districts. The Planning Board coordinated a joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in August to discuss the ZBA and Planning Board's roles in reviewing and granting special permits and variances. The Board was also involved in a training workshop in October for municipal boards and employees on "Understanding Today's Land Use and Environmental Regulations-Duties, Responsibilities and Jurisdiction". The coming year will bring additional, continued minor changes. The Planning Office has been working on providing alternative types of residential development through revision of the Zoning By-Law. The Planning Board will be presenting at least four (4) of these variations in the immediate future. These development types include estate lot, common drive development, cluster development and planned unit development. The intent of these alternative development types is to preserve open space, rural character and maintain environmental quality.

SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Residential development continued in Belchertown at a remarkable rate with 234 building lots created in 1986. The breakdown of this new development is as follows:

Form A/81 P Plans (Subdivision Approval Not Required)

Ninety-five (95) Subdivision Approval Not Required Plans (SANRP) were endorsed by the Planning Board, creating 150 new building lots and 9 non building lots. Three (3) plans were not endorsed (subdivision approval required) which would have resulted in an additional 27 lots.

Subdivision Plans

6 Definitive Plans approved

- Pine Meadows Subdivision; off Michael Sears Road, 12 lots, plans approved with modifications on May 6, 1986, plans not endorsed due to appeals as of 12/31/86
- Rimrock Subdivision; off Rockrimmon Road, 13 lots, plans approved with modification on July 22, 1986, plans endorsed August 26, 1986
- Federal Acres Subdivision; off Federal Street, 19 lots, plans approved with modifications on July 8, 1986, plans endorsed August 12, 1986
- Belchertown Woods Subdivision; off Federal Street, 17 lots, plans approved with modifica-tions on November 25, 1986, plans endorsed January 20, 1987
- Westridge Estates Subdivision; off Bay Road, 8 lots, plans approved with modifications on December 9, 1986, plans not endorsed, awaiting final modifications as of 12/31/86
- Cedar Glen Estates Subdivision; off North Washington Street, 15 lots, plans approved with modifications on September 23, 1986, plans not endorsed, awaiting final modification as of 12/31/86.

5 Preliminary Plans files

- North Wood Subdivision, off North Street, 11 lots, plans approved November 25, 1986
- Turkey Hill Estates Subdivision, off Maplecrest Drive, 51 lots, plans approved October 28, 1986
- Sheffield Estates Subdivision, off Fletcher Street, 89 lots, plans approved by default May 4, 1986
- Valley Speciality Builders, Inc. Subdivision, off Warner Road, 22 lots, plans approved June 26, 1986
- Clearwater Ridge Subdivision, off Barton Avenue, 83 lots, plans approved June 26, 1986

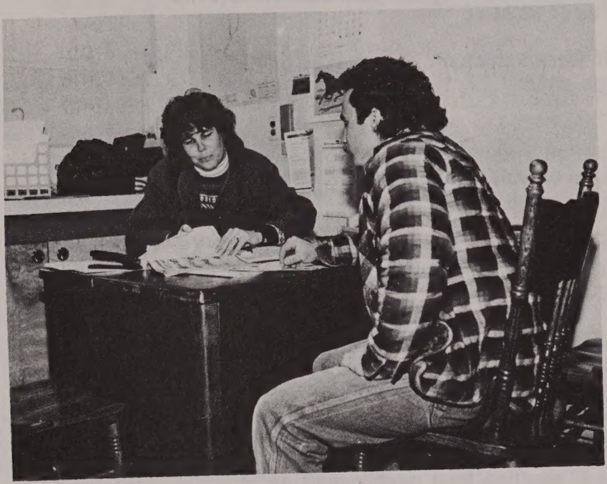
These subdivisions and Form A plans generated a total of $9,040.50 as a result of the fee schedule enacted by the Board in 1985.

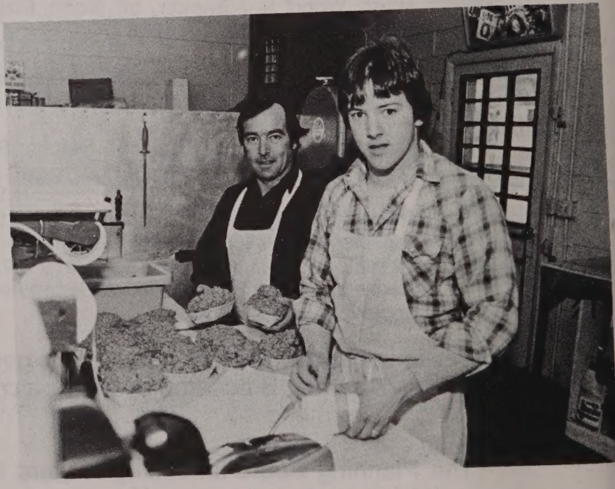
Conclusion

The Planning Board is looking forward to another busy year with some very crucial issues to address. Your input, as a citizen of Belchertown, is encouraged. The Planning Board meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, while the Planning Office is open on a daily basis. Belchertown residents are encouraged to join the Planning Board as non-voting associate members. Please take advantage of these opportunities to become involved in Belchertown Planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmine L. Angeloni, Chair
Planning Board





PLANNING OFFICE

INTRODUCTION

The Planning Office was expanded this year to include a full-time planner/grants writer along with the existing part-time assistant. The planning staff consists of:

James M. Mazik, Town Planner
Denise M. Miller, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board

This office serves as a major resource on land use issues ranging from zoning matters to subdivisions. The Town Planner serves as staff for both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, but also acts as a consultant on land use matters to the public and all Town Officials.

GENERAL

The Planning Office has made numerous minor recommendations to the Planning Board on the Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Regulations so as to clarify areas of misinterpretation and confusion. The Planning Office will continue to gradually revise and clarify the Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Regulations over the next year. Work on flexible zoning techniques such as cluster, planned unit development, estate lot and common drive development has begun and will be finalized by the Planning Office and Planning Board for potential adoption by the Town as a means of diversifying residential development and preserving open space.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

The spring and summer months were an extremely busy time as pertaining to subdivision review. Many, many hours were spent reviewing definitive and preliminary subdivision plans, conducting field inspection, and consulting with subdividers, engineers and other interested parties to the effected parcels of land.

Drainage has become the major issue for most of the 1986 subdivisions. The discharge and containment of stormwater runoff is becoming a major factor in the development of land in Belchertown. Stormwater runoff storage basins have been proposed in a number of subdivisions in an attempt to control runoff. Guidelines for such structures have been established; however due to the complexity of the issue, review by the Planning Board has been on a case by case basis.

GRANTSMANSHIP

The Town applied for six grants under four different programs totaling $282,294.00 in 1986. Belchertown was successful in obtaining three (3) of these grants amounting to $207,472.00. The eligibility requirements and project application rating has become highly competitive in the past two (2) years, making grants money much more difficult to receive. The various grants applied for are as follows:

Incentive Aid Mini Grant

*"To Train Supervisors to Manage Personnel, Choose and Use Contractors, Manage Construction Contracts and Improve Labor Relations", workshop series. Joint application with the Towns of Granby, Pelham, Hadley.
Amount Requested: $2,647.00 Amount Received: $2,647.00

*"To Improve and Support Communication and Cooperation Between Local Government and the Local Business Community", workshop series. Joint application with the Towns of Granby, Hadley.
Amount Requested: $3,000.00 Amount Received: $2,825.00

* Capital Improvement Plan Update FY 1987 - 1992
Amount Requested: $3,000.00 Amount Received: $-0-

Access to State - Owned Land
* East Street Improvement Program
Amount Requested: $50,100.00 Amount Received: $-0-

Public Works Economic Development
* Main Street Intersection Reconstruction
Amount Requested: $194,400 Amount Received: $202,000.00

Strategic Planning Program
* Long - Range planning technical assistance
Amount Requested: $21,722.00 Amount Received: $-0-

LONG - RANGE PLANNING

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) was formed by the Town Planner to serve as an advisory committee in formulating long-range planning strategies, specifically zoning by-law and zoning map revisions. This 11 member committee consists of members from the following boards and committees; Selectmen, Planning, Conservation, Historical, Housing and Business Council, along with two (2) local residents, the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Town Planner. The SPC will be submitting to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen specific zoning strategies, recommendations and revisions in anticipation of 1988 Town Meeting action.

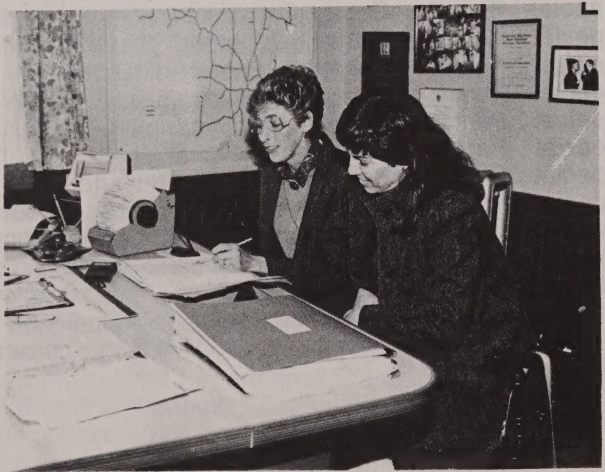
CONCLUSION

The Planning Office is open every day and you are encouraged to stop in if you have any questions concerning municipal planning issues or land use matters. The upcoming year will be an extremely busy, yet exciting one with the numerous long and short term planning projects underway. The immediate long-range goal of this Office will be to work on revising the zoning map and zoning by-law in a manner which is best suited for Belchertown. Short-term goals are numerous but include continued grantsmanship for needed improvements throughout Belchertown, on-going minor revisions to the zoning by-law and subdivision regulations to clarify and update these documents, and the continued attempt to improve the functions and quality of service of the

Planning Office through modernization (computerization), staff availability and professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Mazik
Town Planner



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

This, more than any other year has been a year of change and activity. We have had a case load of 39 applications for a total of 46 projects during calendar year 1986.

As you can see from the attached listing, a very large portion of cases (52%) involved construction of, or conversion to, two or three family dwelling units. All of the construction applications were received after the moratorium ended in May.

Another significant occurance this year is the volume of variances for frontage requirement for building lot (140 FT. MIN.). These "Estate Lots" should be addressed through the Zoning Laws, and not be the subject of variances.

Perhaps the most unique case heard during the year was the comprehensive permit sought by the Belchertown Housing Authority for the creation of four apartment units designed for the physically or mentally impaired.

During the year we have enjoyed the consistent input of the Planning Board, sought the advice of Town Counsel on seven cases and obtained clarification and assistance from the Town Planner on several issues.

We have also lost the regular services of members Jonathan Spiegel and Robert Condon, and secretary Patricia Lalli, all of whom will be missed. We welcome new regular member Frederick Bartmon and new secretary/assistant Janet Minney. We should continue to solicit for additional associate members.

APPLICATION TYPE			FILED	APPROVED
Special	Permit	Conversion	12	9
Special	Permit	Duplex Construction	12	10
Special	Permit	Gravel Business	2	2
Special	Permit	Constr. Business	1	1
Special	Permit	Comprehensive	1	1
Special	Permit	At Home Business	1	0
Special	Permit	Veterinary Hospital	1	1
Special	Permit	Rebuild Nonconf. Structure	1	1
Special	Permit	Amend Previous Permit	1	0
Variance		Frontage Req.	9	9
Variance		Side Yard Req.	3	2
Variance		Lot Size Sq.Ft.	1	1
Variance		Rear Yard Req.	1	1
		TOTALS	46	38

Respectfully Submitted,

Andre R. Michaud
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1986 was eventful for the Belchertown Police Department as continued population growth in the community necessitated changes within the department, and property crimes and motor vehicle accidents increased significantly.

Although Belchertown experienced more burglaries and larcenies than the previous year, our crime rate continues to be much lower than communities of typical size throughout the state. Calculations indicate that locally there are 12.6 criminal offenses committed for each one thousand persons.

The most effective way to combat crime is by creating a public awareness that instills within citizens the necessity to report suspicious activity to the police. Once again I request that Belchertown residents contact the police department whenever they notice anything that arouses their suspicion that a crime has been or may be committed. Police will respond to such calls willingly as they fully understand the frustration of conducting an investigation where they find that activity not reported resulted in a crime being committed.

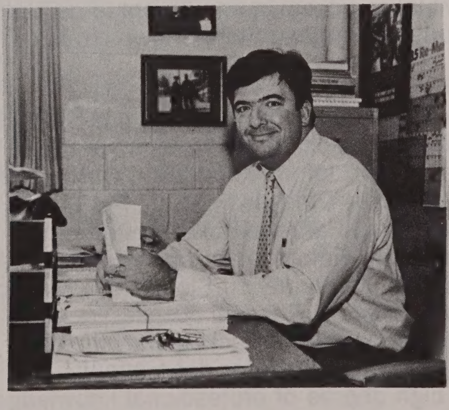
A total of three hundred eighty-seven persons were taken into custody by Belchertown Police Department officers in 1986. Eighty-two of these arrests were for operating under the influence of alcohol, an increase from 1985 but slightly lower than the three preceding years. "Operating Under the Influence" arrests accounted for 22% of the year's total arrests and continue to be a problem nationwide. The Belchertown Police Department is committed to strict enforcement of motor vehicle laws and will continue with a rigid enforcement program in an effort to create safe roads. The need for this is apparent as the department recorded a total of three hundred seventy-nine reported accidents in 1986. This is of particular concern due to the fact that this is one hundred more accidents than recorded in 1985. Officers issued a total of three thousand, one hundred sixty-nine motor vehicle violation tickets in an attempt to combat the problem. Fines collected in the courts and returned to the town totaled $105,653.00.

In service training and specialized classes for dispatchers, patrol officers and supervisors continued. Courses attended include, Firearms Instruction, Shotgun Instruction, Criminal Offenders Record Information Laws, Child Abuse and Neglect, Criminal Investigator, Basic PR-24 Defensive Baton, Patrol Officer Refresher Course, Controlled Substances and Paraphernalia, Courtroom Testimony and Procedure, Introduction to Law Enforcement Management, Conflict Management, and Law Enforcement Performance Standards. Most of these classes are held at the Edward W. Connelly Criminal Justice Training Center in Agawam, Ma. and are sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Regularly scheduled training for department personnel enables them to maintain a high degree of professional knowledge and decreases potential liability.

On Febraury 1, 1986, Sergeant Roman Kucinski was promoted to his present rank and currently is assigned as the midnight to eight A.M. shift commander. Sgt. Kucinski is also assigned as the department's firearms instructor, and oversees the departments vehicle maintenance and repairs program. Patrol Officers Ronald Molway and Joseph Yale joined the part time ranks in December of 1986. Both have previous experience and came to our department well recommended. In May of 1986, Father John Ayers of St. Francis Church graciously accepted our invitation to become the Chaplain for the Belchertown Police Department.

Legislation effected during 1986 that has had an impact on police departments across the Commonwealth included the Suicide Prevention Act. Our lockups must now be equipped so that they present less opportunities for detainees who may be contemplating suicide. To accomplish this, cells must be equipped with audio devices and be void of bars and grillwork. Officers must monitor cells and make physical checks every fifteen minutes. Although our cells are equipped with a closed circuit video monitoring system, the new law will require us to remove an officer from patrol to act as a cell monitor, or an officer will have to be called in on overtime. The state has provided the materials and funds for labor to enable the department to comply with the new law. All department personnel have received training in the area of suicide prevention, and persons in custody are screened carefully. The State Auditor has ruled that the state should be responsible for reimbursement of expenses incurred to cities and towns that have been created due to this mandate. We will attempt to appropriate those funds and follow the progress of this new law during the upcoming year.

The future goals of the Belchertown Police Department are basic. We hope to grow as the community grows and continue to strive to improve so we may provide the best services possible for our citizens. An expectation to accomplish this is due to the fact that we have always been supported wholeheartedly by our citizens, local government and surrounding law enforcement agencies, for which we are grateful.



Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Early this past spring our department was heavily involved in getting the new day care opened. There were a lot of last minute additions and changes as well as safety items to be installed, also a final touch-up on painting after everything was moved in.

Our spring painting projects were:

Town Beach - painted inside of the bath house, scraped and touched-up the outside, painted picnic tables, town dock and bicycle, rack, painted and installed submarine jungle gym

Parson's Field - painted boys & girls restrooms in field house painted team's benches on baseball fields

Chestnut Hill School - painted two (2) extra poles that were needed for flood lights on softball field.

Remodeling Projects:

Parks & Recreation - Old Town Hall, new office door, shelves and cabinet work in directors office.
Parson's Field, replaced broken baseball team benches on both diamonds, replaced broken swing seats and installed infant swings in the play area

Police Department - remodeled and painted dispatchers office and main entrance to station

Old Highway Garage on Jabish Steet - remodeled and painted inside to house town ambulance, renovated Jabish St. entrance.

Belchertown Senior Center -helped with installation of new main elevator, repainted elevator pit painted inside walls of main side entrance installed new counter top in basement kitchen

Lawrence Memorial Hall - now that Chestnut Hill School is open we have started dismantling inside Lawrence Memorial Hall in preparation for making it over into town offices.

Town & School baseball diamonds - with help from the Highway Department in trucking and loader use, we filled and regraded all the ball fields early in the spring. This spring with Chestnut Hill school, we'll have 7 ball fields to maintain daily once the leagues start.

Respectfully submitted,

William "Gus" Linde
Maintenance/Craftsman

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DOG OFFICER

In the calendar year of 1986, the Dog Officer and Assistants picked up approximately 198 dogs. The disposition of these dogs was as follows:

Sixty-four were claimed from the pound by their owners; approximately 30 were disposed of after being struck and killed by motor vehicles; five were euthanized; approximately 20 were returned to owners from the point of pickup; and 79 were turned over to A.R.F., the local animal humane society, resulting in a savings to taxpayers of approximately $1,485.

The Dog Officer and Assistants went out on approximately 164 complaint calls. Some of these complaints were formally written and some were verbal.

The Dog Officers have provided other services for the town at their own expense. Some of these extra services provided include assisting with problems related to wild animals, livestock, and poultry. Keeping records of lost and found cats is another function the Officers are trying to fill.

Due to the rapid growth-rate of the town, I expect that complaints will increase over the next few years; therefore, it will be necessary in the coming year to address this problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Michaud
Dog Officer

BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

As Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden, I hereby submit the following annual eport for the Fire Department.

First of all, I would like to thank the residents, town officials, and all the departments and organizations. Most of all, I would like to thank the Officers, Members, Auxiliary, and families of the fire department. Having everyone's cooperation makes my job easier.

This has been another active year for the department. We held drills every month and renewed our C.P.R. cards. Members also provided most of the maintenance required for the departments equipment.

In order to keep up with the needs of the town we must grow with it. The number of responses per year is holding steady, but our work load has doubled in the ast five years. We have new Laws on Hazardous Materials. It is our responsibility to contain spills and leaks. We have new State & Federal Laws on Underground Tanks. These Laws pertain to new tanks, the removal of old tanks and the testing of all tanks hat are underground. This is time consuming. Three tanks were tested at the B.P. Station this fall, we were on the scene 21 hours, while the testing was performed. The own has 25 permitted tank locations that involve about 80 underground tanks. It takes about five hours to test one tank. If the tank passes the test, five hours will cover it. But f it has to be retested and the piping tested, it can take 12 hours per tank. This problem is not going to go away. It is a yearly process from now on.

Every year our paper work is doubling. More records have to be kept to meet the demands of the Fire Marshals Office, FBI Arson Office and Water and Air Pollution. The Town is growing and the number of Inspections has more then doubled from one year ago.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Fire Chief	Donald F. Bock
Assistant Chief	Samuel J. Joyal
Assistant Chief	David Hodgen
Deputy Chief	Carl Peterson
Deputy Chief	Hugh Hubbard
Honorary Chief	Louis Fuller
Honorary Chief	Raymond Menard
Captain	Richard McGinnis
Captain	Bruce Officer
Captain	Timothy Lofland
Honorary Captain	Sherman Gould
Lieutenant	Edward Fuller
Lieutenant	Roy Reece
Lieutenant	Thomas Fuller
Lieutenant	David Gay
Lieutenant	James Hodgen
Lieutenant	Kenneth Thayer
Lieutenant	Paul Greene
Lieutenant	Richard Knight
Chaplain	George Bach

FIREFIGHTERS

Douglas Alley
Edward Bock
Max Bock
Scott Cameron
Albert Dewhurst
Ernest Gay
Gerald Gould
Robert Hodgen
Christopher Hubbard
William Kimball
F. Raymond Peeso
William Shattuck
Benjamin Williams
Herbert Wood

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Richard Bush

TYPES OF RESPONSES	1986	1985	1984	1983
TOTAL RESPONSES	181	180	213	170
BUILDING FIRES	24	10	24	10
CHIMNEY FIRES	27	21	27	38
MOBILE HOMES	1	0	0	6
VEHICLES	24	13	29	18
RESCUES	2	6	2	4
UTILITY POLES AND WIRES	1	5	11	4
DUMP FIRES	1	1	2	1
FOREST AND GRASS FIRES	39	56	33	17
FALSE ALARMS	2	1	7	2
INVESTIGATIONS	60	64	71	70
SEARCH (MISSING PERSONS)	0	0	1	0
MUTUAL AID	0	3	6	0
HOURS OF FIRE SUPPRESSION	149.06	233.95	185	138.12
TRUCK MILAGE	979	1456	1032	826
TOTAL MAN-HOURS FIRE SUPPRESSION	2080.55	2987	2578.34	2140.45
AVERAGE MEMBERS RESPONSES	72.50%	74.7%	76.5%	55.6%

TOTAL ESTIMATED LOSSES:				
BUILDINGS	55,220	204,350	97,875	64,905
CONTENTS	11,900	144,365	24,155	13,100
VEHICLES	11,550	15,500	17,850	4,925

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Bock
Fire Chief
Forest Fire Warden

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

BUILDING PERMITS

SINGLE DWELLINGS	168
DUPLEXES	10
CONVERT TO MULTI DWELLINGS (# OF UNITS)	3
MULTI DWELLINGS (# OF UNITS)	14
BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL	9
INDUSTRIAL	3
MOBILE HOMES	6
ADD/ALTER/REPAIR	73
SHEDS/BARNS/GARAGES	67
WOOD/COAL STOVES	61
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0
DEMOLITIONS	11
SWIMMING POOLS	13
RENEWALS/SIGNS/OTHERS	38
CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION/USE	9
SMOKE DECTECTOR CERTIFICATIONS	66
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	551
TOTAL REVENUE	$35,697

OIL BURNER PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	116
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 1,354

GAS PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	29
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 760

PLUMBING PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	196
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 7,105

ELECTRIC PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	282
TOTAL REVENUE	$8,323

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

TESTED AND SEALED DEVICES	13
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 89
TOTAL PERMITS ETC. ALL DEPARTMENTS	1187
TOTAL DEPARTMENT REVENUE	$53,239

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

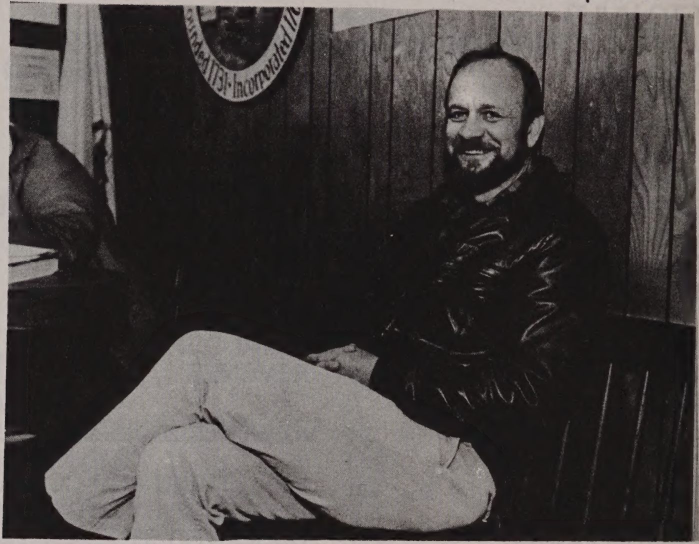
VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS	38
RESOLVED BY DEPARTMENT	35
RESOLVED BY ZBA	1
RESOLVED BY COURT	0
STILL PENDING AS OF 01/01/87	2

Calender year 1986 was another record breaking year for building activity in Belchertown. We experienced a total of 211 new dwelling units, including single dwellings, mobile homes, duplexes and multi-dwelling units.

Zoning and Building Code compliance has been generally good again this year with the glaring (and potentially dangerous) exception of swimming pools. I cannot stress enough the need for properly installed and inspected hook-ups for swimming pools. The combination of electricity and water is a hazard too obvious to dwell on and the potential for tragedy is very real. Even an above ground pool with a "plug-in" filter connection is not safe unless inspected and approved by the wiring inspector. Please, play it safe, the small permit fee involved is a minor investment that pays significant dividends.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas K. Magee
Director of Inspection Services



TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

During the year forty nine (49) dangerous or dead trees were removed. Some trees were trimmed.

Dutch Elm Disease
Ten (10) elms were removed

Insect Pest Control
Elm trees were sprayed twice. Some trouble areas were sprayed for gypsy moth and eastern tent caterpillar. Road sides were sprayed to kill poison ivy.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden & Superintendent
of Insect Pest Control

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Our school system continues to identify student needs and meet the challenges of providing quality education. Teachers have taken full advantage of all opportunities to receive grants designed to improve our educational system. Our students continue to benefit from their dedication and expertise as evidenced by national and state recognition in the areas of literature, science, sports and music.

Citizens and parents, through such groups as the Parent Teacher Organization, Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, Music Parents, and Volunteers, also demonstrate commitment to our youth. The assistance provided is a necessary and vital part of our school community. Through the efforts of these individuals, students come to realize a sense of continuity and a developing awareness of community.

Although there have been many physical changes for staff and students this year, these changes were accomplished smoothly and the educational process was maintained. Students in the middle school were introduced to Mr. Joseph Giroux, their new principal as well as an exciting new environment for learning. Mr. James Rokas and Mrs. Elizabeth Krause retired this year, and High School students and staff were greeted by Mr. Dennis Pike, the new High School Principal, and Mrs. Darlene Lambert in the front office. The Kindergarten has come back to Cold Spring School ending a seven-year stay at the Methodist Church.

This year has been a year of great change. That all of this was accomplished with a minimum of disruption is a credit to the staff, the students, the parents, and the community as a whole. Our school system is a reflection of our community and working together we can continue to insure our students demonstrate the qualities that are best in our community. This is our responsibility and we will meet it as we always have, by working together.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Rhodes
Chairperson

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The school system continues to grow in a very positive manner.

The high school instituted and expanded an academic honors curriculum while completing preliminary planning for advanced placement programs. Belchertown Senior High School students received honors at regional and state levels in science, music, and social studies. The Freshman Class took first place in the nation in a National Energy Education project.

More high school students participated in interscholastic athletics than at any time in the community's history. While structuring one of the better programs in Western Massachusetts, the Boy's Soccer Team, the Cross Country squad, Boy's Basketball Team, and Boy's Baseball Team all went to the regional playoffs.

The middle school was established as a separate entity while waiting to move into the new building. Thirty-six faculty members were identified, student codes of conduct were established, and curriculum development started while five hundred sixty-five students awaited "the big day". The Camp Sargent program was again a highlight for the sixth graders.

The elementary system has been emphasizing higher expectations and standards of performance; more meaningful homework and an emphasis on the teaching of critical thinking skills.

A most effective and generous Parent-Teacher Organization again sponsored an Artist-In-Residence Program.

The results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills were most satisfying. Our third graders once again scored over the 90 percentile nationally.

Health Education is becoming an essential component for "WELLNESS". Every student in grades one through six has their own health related topic. Drug and Alcohol prevention has been discussed in each classroom along with personal protection, smoking, and growth and development. Prevention and protection strengthen and facilitate the educational process.

The Junior Class, seventh graders, and third graders did very well on the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Tests.

In all, it was a good year that produced its share of good fortune, trials, and tribulations, but above all, solid, positive results.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B. Byard
Superintendant

PATHFINDER REGIONAL

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee hereby presents its thirteenth annual report since the opening of the school in 1974.

Nineteen eighty six was a year of unusually favorable recognition to Pathfinder and its staff. Two individuals in particular are deserving of mention. Susan Costa of the English Department was selected by the State Board of Education as one of the first Lucretia Crocker Fellows for her work in the teaching of writing. She is spending the 1986-87 school year on leave working with teachers around the state to improve writing skills among high school students. In June, cosmetology instructor Joseph Valentine was honored by the Division of Occupational Education as one of four persons who contributed the most to vocational education over the past year.

Opening day enrollment at Pathfinder held steady at 497 students including 138 new enrollees. Of this number 76 were from Belchertown, 79 from Monson, 16 from New Braintree, and 145 from Palmer. Out-of-district students numbered an all time high of 181 and represented the following 19 communities: Brimfield, Chicopee, Easthampton, Granby, Hampden, Hardwick, Hatfield, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, North Brookfield, Oakham, South Hadley, Springfield, Ware, Warren, West Brookfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham.

Recruitment of new students continues to be a major priority as secondary enrollments in member and surrounding towns decline. This effort was enhanced by additional grant monies, enabling the school to expand its portable public relations booth which displays academic and vocational opportunities available at Pathfinder. This attractive unit has been placed in various locations around the community, including a week at the Eastern States Exposition. Through this exposure and distribution of materials, Pathfinder has been able to publicize its programs to a larger group of qualified applicants, generating requests for additional information and application materials.

A second component of the recruitment program - also a grant funded activity - was the summer exploratory experience for district seventh graders. Students with limited experience in vocational or industrial arts subjects were given an opportunity to explore their talents in such areas as carpentry, drafting, food services, and programming. A goal of the project is to attract qualified students who do not usually choose a vocational education as an option because of a general lack of exposure to its advantages. Students were also encouraged to consider the opportunities in non-traditional occupations.

Pathfinder's staff is encouraged by the continued positive response to the Summer Exploratory Project. Providing district students an opportunity to explore vocational offerings before making the important decision regarding high school selection as eight graders has been very well received by the community. Enrollment figures for the 1986-87 school year indicated that approximately 50% of the students who participated in the 1985 Summer Exploratory Project enrolled as ninth graders at Pathfinder in September.

The school's professional staff remained stable and included 17 academic teachers, 32 vocational shop and related teachers, 15 special needs personnel, and 2 counselors. An additional computer programming instructor was employed with the assistance of P.L. 98-524 funds to accommodate the increase in enrollment as that shop expanded to a four-year offering. Among the administrative staff changes were the promotion of Mark Condon to Director of Guidance and the selection of Drafting Instructor Karl Foerster as the full-time Director of Cooperative Education.

For Fiscal 1987, the school committee adopted an operating and maintenance budget of $2,794,938, a capital budget of $229,080, and a substantially separate program budget of $238,692. Reductions through state aid and tuition income resulted in initial assessments to member towns as follows: Belchertown, $256,809; Monson, $361,773; New Braintree, $65,417; and Palmer, $648,340, for a total of $1,332,339. Prior to town meetings in April, the committee voted to apply an additional $100,000 in tuition income to further reduce the assessments to $1,232,339, and each of the four towns subsequently approved its apportioned share unanimously. A successful lobbying effort by Pathfinder officials and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators won a restoration of $50,124 in regional school aid by the legislature, and this amount was immediately used to reduce the opening assessments to member towns as originally promised by the school committee.

A number of impressive gains were made in program improvement as the school committee continued its emphasis on curriculum development. Curriculum coordinators were selected in academic and vocational subjects as specified in the collective bargaining agreement, and these individuals were designated as Horace Mann Teachers under Chapter 188. Two full days were set aside exclusively for working on curriculum. An additional incentive was provided under the assessment program mandated under Chapted 188. For the first time, comparative scores were released state-wide in reading, mathematics, and science. Among vocational schools in Massachusetts, Pathfinder did well, scoring considerably above the average in reading and science. Teachers will be using the analysis of results to make curriculum modifications in these areas. The electronics program, housed in the South Hadley Public Schools, was finally relocated to a leased facility in Monson, thus saving Pathfinder students valuable commuting times.

Pathfinder responded to the need for greater and more sophisticated training in data processing by expanding its present program from two to four years and included BASIC, PRGII, and COBOL in its offerings. Grant funds were utilized to purchase a compact computer projector which allows for group participation while each student is still able to remain at his own terminal. Students are also given the opportunity to give group demonstrations using the computer projector on individual assignments.

With the employment of a full time Director of Cooperative Education, additional job opportunities have been identified for students who qualify for alternating periods of paid work and study. Presently serving 17 students, the Co-op Program is expected to grow in popularity both among the students and local business and industry, and it should have a positive impact on job placement in the future.

Special education services were provided for 105 students and an additional 46 in the substantially separate program where training in the automotive field was offered for the first time. In addition, an occupational therapist was employed on a part-time basis and these services were provided to students in the substantially separate program on a group or individual basis. Individual psychological counseling was provided for 11% of the school population; speech and language services were provided for sustantially separate students as well as individual speech therapy to 6% of the student population.

Recognizing the disadvantaged and handicapped emphasis in P.L. 98-524, the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act, Pathfinder developed support programs in Grades 10-12 English classes as well as in basic concepts in mathematics. Closely related to these efforts were concepts in career education which were infused into the curriculum in both subjects. Funding for these programs was made available by the Division of Occupational Education and included contributions of P.L. 98-524 monies from three member towns.

In addition to the regular day program, Pathfinder continued to sponsor a number of highly successful special programs. New this year was a six week summer career awareness program designed for adolescents in the custody of the Department of Youth Services. Also new this year was an adult education program in culinary arts which introduced basic cooking and baking techniques to 25 students. An added benefit to the school was the purchase of several pieces of kitchen equipment utilizing grant monies which supported the program.

The afternoon program continued to offer vocational skills training, servicing 40 students representing 11 towns. This program, now in its seventh year of operation, provided training in the areas of automotive mechanics, carpentry, and machinery. The drop-out prevention focus of the program afforded an alternative for "at risk" youth, and a unique opportunity for community students to prepare for the world of work or re-entry into the day program.

Through service delivery contracts with the Department of Education, Pathfinder continued its commitment to providing quality educational programs to institutionalized and community based handicapped students. Three programs operate at the facilities of Belchertown State School, Monson Developmental Center, and Ludlow High School. Providing life skills, pre-vocational and vocational offerings, these programs maximize the potential for student success in life.

Pathfinder offered adult courses in the areas of automotive mechanics and computer assisted drafting designed to provide training and advanced training in selected areas of interest to the community.

Responding to concerns identified on a national scale, Pathfinder's student services staff carried out a major redesign of day-to-day student behavioral expectation, as well as a considerable strengthening of substance abuse and harassment disciplinary policies and relevant follow-up procedures. New language was incorporated in both the student and teacher handbooks, and workshops were held to address these concerns.

Representatives from a number of schools identified Pathfinder's student disciplinary system as a model and requested assistance in creating similar approaches in their respective buildings. A Directory of Resources addressing substance abuse, crisis intervention, and family counseling was compiled by student services staff and made available to students and parents.

Pathfinder remains justly proud of its students and the contributions they make toward the community, both through formal course work and in voluntary activities. Several shop areas continued to serve the citizens of the district in such endeavors as preparing lunches for the elderly, repairing and servicing vehicles, building a house, landscaping, doing sewing and mending, and offering such items for sale as plants, holiday decorations, baked goods. The school's culinary arts program continues to provide meals for local civic and youth groups. Carpentry and electrical projects have been completed for the Palmer Public Schools and the Monson Parks and Recreation Department. Although staff and students represent more than twenty rural communities, their school initiated involvement in home based civic and community service activities continues to be notable. Programs, committees and service efforts range from the more traditional FFA, student government, Scouting and fund raising efforts to substance abuse and awareness programs, community data collection activities, public library building and collection assistance, design of parade floats and many others.

School Committee Chairman Marceline B. Matrow presented diplomas and vocational certificates to 99 students at graduation ceremonies in June 1986. Fifty-three percent of the class found immediate employment in their trade or enrolled in an institution of higher education. An additional twenty-five percent enlisted in military service. Scholarships totaling $9,350 were awarded at the annual graduation.

In the fall of 1986, the school committee undertook a number of studies with the potential for long range implications. First was an analysis of enrollment trends in member and surrounding communities which has led to the recommendation that at least one additional town be admitted to the district. Second was a preliminary study of building needs to accommodate and consolidate current programs as well as to provide some flexibility for future growth. Several alternatives are now under consideration. Finally, the committee commissioned a study of compensation levels for administrative and support staff as well as the organizational structure in order to make maximum use of human potential within the system.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
George R. Harrell, Belchertown
Marceline B. Matrow, Monson
Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree
Ronald J. Laviolette, Palmer

VETERANS' AGENT

This past year has been very busy and hectic. In August the State voted a 9% increase in veteran's benefits which resulted in a complete change in our budget. The figures that had been figured had to be all refigured.

During the year we had more doctor and hospital bills than usual. These all had to be checked to be sure they were correct before being paid.

We are constantly looking for other benefits for veterans to help them, and at the same time reduce the cost to the Town and State.

I have changed my hours from Tuesday nights to Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This should make it more convenient for veterans who wish to see me as they are usually free during the day.

It is impossible to complete all the work in 2 1/2 hours a week, so I am in and out of the office as much and as often as necessary to take care of the paperwork. If someone has a problem I can usually set up an appointment at their convenience, if they just call the office and leave a message.

I will continue to do the best job possible for our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Green
Veteran's Agent

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Construction on Bay Road from Metacomet Street to Bachelor Brook began in September. New drainage was put in the entire length. The old road was excavated and widened approximately four (4) feet. It was then graveled and graded, and a base coat of black top put down. In the spring, after the telephone poles are moved, all finish work will be done. This will include berm, loam and seeding. After this section is completed we will continue as far as the railroad crossing.

The parking lot at the day care was completed this year. Drainage was put in. Oil and stone was used for a surface, and the loaming and seeding has been done.

A lot of time was spent at Chestnut Hill School. Drainage was put in along the main entrance. The sump hole at the entrance has been filled in and a pipe connected to Route 202 drainage. This was done to eliminate the water problem that was there. Brush was cut and chipped by the Highway Department crew.

Work on a number of secondary roads consisting of brush cutting and chipping, new culvert pipes, ditches cleaned,. etc. has been done. This will continue as in the past. Approximately eight (8) miles of road was sealed with oil and stone. There are still many graveled roads that should be surfaced. This coming year Granby Road, Underwood Street and Goodell Street will be done. Until the building of homes slows down, roads such as Barton Street, Warner Road, etc. will not be done. It would be a waste of money to even consider it as long as heavy trucks and other equipment are working there.

Under the sidewalk account, Cottage Street, So. Main Street and a section of North Main Street were done. Next year North Main Street will be finished and Maple Street will be started.

Construction on Old Springfield Road is going to start in the spring. New culvert pipes will be put in and the road widened where ever possible. The Town received a grant to do this work. The upper section of this road from North Washington Street to the railroad crossing was done this year as was a section of Turkey Hill Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry A. Dodge
Superintendent of Streets

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The Belchertown Sewer Commissioners hereby submit their report for the year of 1986.

The sewer that serves the center of the town was regularly checked for the known trouble spots. We also located every manhole in the system, checked its condition, and will be making all needed repairs in the future. This year we added two homes to the system.

The maintenance of the South Belchertown system consists mostly of inspection and care of the pumping facilities, which is done three times each week. We are fortunate to have William Trombley of Michael Sears Road as caretaker, and he is doing an excellent job.

One home was added to the South Belchertown system in 1986.

Respectfully Submitted,

Preston Atwood
Harry L. Brougham
Brian L. Brougham

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the Cemetery Department for the year ending December 31, 1986.

During the past year the Department performed thirty-three (33) burials. At Mt. Hope Cemetery a new water line was installed. Routine maintenance was performed at all cemeteries with much more to be done in the coming year.

The following sums of money were returned to the Town:

Sale of Lots	$ 2,590.00
Perpetual Care	$ 1,110.00
Opening Costs	$ 3,085.00
Total	$ 6,785.00

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Cook
Floyd R. Peeso
David G. Hodgen

BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN REPORT

The Agent for the Quabbin Health District will enumerate the types and amount of activities performed in Belchertown during 1986. The Board of Health members were involved with other broad issues throughout the year. Three (3) main problem areas arose:

1. The many stumps left after excavation for housing and farming had been left to rot or had been illegally buried in several parts of Town. A stump dump on Hamilton Street was licensed to private owners and is now available to the public at a fee.

2. The Agent spent many hours reinspecting septic system installations that had not been installed according to the engineer's approved plans. Although much time was spent educating the installers, builders and homeowners in this area on a one-to-one basis, a seminar is planned to formally address this issue in the coming year. To help in this educational process, the local regulations that have been approved in addition to Title V of the State regulations, were published and available to the public.

3. To improve communication with the citizens of Belchertown we no longer share a telephone with the other departments. We now have our own number which is 323-6141.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Snow
Board of Health

BOARD OF HEALTH OF BELCHERTOWN
REPORTS FOR 1986

Streptococcus Throat	4
Salmonellosis	2
Lyme Disease	1
Camphylobactor	1
Tuberculosis	1
Giardiases Lamblia	8
Animal Bite	14
High Risk Newborns	5

Charlotte Ketchen
Reporter

QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOC. INC.

In November 1985, QVVNA became a subsidiary corporation of Wing Health Systems, Inc. In order that our financial operation could be included in Wing's consolidated statement, it was necessary to change the VNA's fiscal year end to September 30th. The following statistical report is therefore, a nine month calculation ending September 30, 1986.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1986

HOME VISITS

Nursing Visits	957
Physical Therapy Visits	154
Homemaker/Homehealth Aide Visits	1,323
Homemaker/Homehealth Aide Hours	2,581

Title III program funded by Holyoke Chicopee Regional Senior Services with 25% matching funds by Q.V.V.N.A. made it possible to provide 39 elderly, 98 Geriatric Nurse Practitioner visits, and 131 Homemaker/Homehealth Aide hours.

The Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund was utilized by 15 patients for 764 hours of Homemaker/Homehealth Aide hours provided.

AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Flu Clinic	200
Health Promotion	22

THE VNA MAY BE REACHED BY CALLING 283-9715 or 283-7651

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Tyburski, R.N., G.N.P.
Staff Nurse - Q.V.V.N.A.

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The towns of Ware, Belchertown, and Pelham continue to grow at a rapid pace, as indicated in the following report. This level of unprecedented development resulted in a larger proportion of my time being spent monitoring percolation tests and septic system inspections. In addition, there were the usual duties relating to housing inspections, nuisance complaints, recalls, and grocery and restaurant inspections and reinspections.

Due to the number of percolation tests during the 1985 season, the District members felt it would be prudent to hire additional employees for the perc season in 1986. There were seven applicants for the positions, and of the seven, Ms. Joan Barry and Mr. Donald Minney were selected. Ms. Barry witnessed 424 perc tests during the season, and Mr. Minney 25. Their professional manner and dedication were an asset to the district.

Relative to the final inspections of septic systems in the district, approximately twenty systems were turned down because of dirty stone. Several meetings were held with homeowners, system installers, stone suppliers and a representative from DEQE, Mr. Mark Schleiweiss. DEQE determined that the stone should be tested by seive analysis, which was done. These analyses confirmed that the stone failed to meet requirements stated in Title V. The systems containing the failed stone were redone using suitable stone, and were passed.

In October, I attended the Massachusetts Health Officer's Association Conference held in Falmouth. In addition to aiding Health Agents in keeping abreast of new state public health regulations, seminars were held regarding many important current health issues; e.g.: Radon contamination, disaster response and hazardous materials, and insecticide fogging. Many directives continue to arrive at this office regarding AIDS and other serious infectious diseases. Training and informational sessions such as the MHOA conference help immeasurably in assisting health agents in performing their jobs effectively.

The following table lists the major services provided for each town in the district in 1986:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Tests/Deep Holes	377	386	92
Septic Inspections	202	115	53
Housing Inspections	15	55	0
Housing Reinspections	10	27	0
Food Service Inspections	34	46	0
Food Service Reinspection	6	2	0
Retail Food Inspections	20	38	6
Retail Food Reinspections	2	8	0
Bakery Inspections	4	8	0
Nuisance Inspections	30	18	0
Nuisance Reinspections	30	18	0

Hearings	0	2	3
Court Appearances	4	3	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	2	0
Lead Paint Reinspections	0	2	0
Communicable Disease Investigation	12	0	0
Camp Inspections	2	0	0
Well Sites	0	0	2
Water Samples	2	0	0
School Cafeteria Inspections	5	8	2
Oil Spills	3	0	0

Once again, I would like to thank John Desmond, Chairman of the district, and all members for their support. Also, thanks to Helen Kutt for the fine job done as secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

David Zarozinski
Health Agent

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is a seven member volunteer board that meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Its primary obligation is administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission has assumed other major responsibilities including: seeking open space for agricultural preservation, passive recreation, and aquifer protection; effective public relations with other town boards and the general public; and promoting awareness of local, regional and state environmental issues.

With the help and expertise of Pam Harvey, Conservation Commission Assistant, the members and associate members held public hearings for 44 Requests for Determination of Applicability, and 37 Notices of Intent. It wrote 29 Orders of Conditions, reviewed 8 subdivisions for wetlands delineations, issued several Enforcement Orders and performed hundreds of site visits.

Besides its administration of the Wetlands Protection Act covering Belchertown's 2220 acres of wetlands, the Conservation Commission also submitted its final draft of the Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan to the State Division of Conservation Services. This document, outlining goals and strategies for the protection and development of the town's critical and unique natural resources and well as recreational opportunities, was approved, providing eligibility for funding of certain land acquisitions. In addition, the document provides officials and citizens with a comprehensive descriptive and planning tool.

In addition, the Commission processed two Agricultural Preservation Restriction Act applications and hosted two workshops concerning wetlands regulations.

This year two important technical studies were added to the resources used by the Commission in decision making matters. The first is an in-depth hydrogeologic study of Jabish Brook and its aquifer systems, done by Paul Scian of the University of Massachusetts. The second is a detailed survey of the flora and fauna of the town and a list of protected or endangered species, prepared by David Foulis of Belchertown.

Two parcels of open space land, totalling 28 acres on Warner Rd., were donated to the Commission. This area, along with the other Conservation Areas in town will be managed and developed by the newly formed Conservation Land and Trails Committee under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

The public is encouraged to attend the Commission's open meetings which are held in Finnerty House.

Members
Kathy Ruhf, Chair
Wes Autio
Louis Laframboise
Mark Lindhult
Hubert Greene
Jennie Greene
Alice Kuc

Associate Members
David Haines
Donald Minney
Richard Selig

BELCHERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority has one 48 unit elderly housing complex. The project, Everett Acres, was built and is administered by the Authority under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 667 Elderly Housing Program. Eligibility for housing is based on age or handicap, and income. The current maximum annual net income for eligibility is $12,096 for one person and $13,824 for a couple.

Tenants in occupancy pay twenty-five percent of their net income for rents, including all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $137 per month. The anticipated income for Fiscal 1986 is estimated at $79,060. Operating expenses are budgeted at $91,161 with an anticipated deficit of $12,101. Any actual deficit, excluding non-utility budget overruns, will be fully funded by the state and paid directly to the Authority. The Authority receives no funds from the Town of Belchertown.

Everett Acres is fully occupied with a waiting list of fourteen eligible applicants.

The Authority also has direct administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing And Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Program for Existing Housing. Under this Program, the Authority assists low income elderly, disabled or handicapped persons, or families in paying their rents. Eligible persons are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned apartments anywhere in the community that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay 30% of their income for rents and utilities, and the Authority pays the balance each month directly to the landlord.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for Fiscal 1986 is $103,520 with full funding provided by the Federal Government. All units allocated under the program have been filled and a waiting list is maintained.

During the past year the Authority has continued to work toward securing State approvals for the construction of four apartments for the handicapped under a Chapter 689 EOCD grant which was received in 1982. These units will be developed in conjunction with Shelton's Inc., a local non-profit agency providing services for the mentally handicapped.

In March, the Authority purchased a 2 1/2 acre site on East Walnut Street for the sum of $40,000 and shortly thereafter obtained a comprehensive permit for the construction of four two-bedroom units on the site.

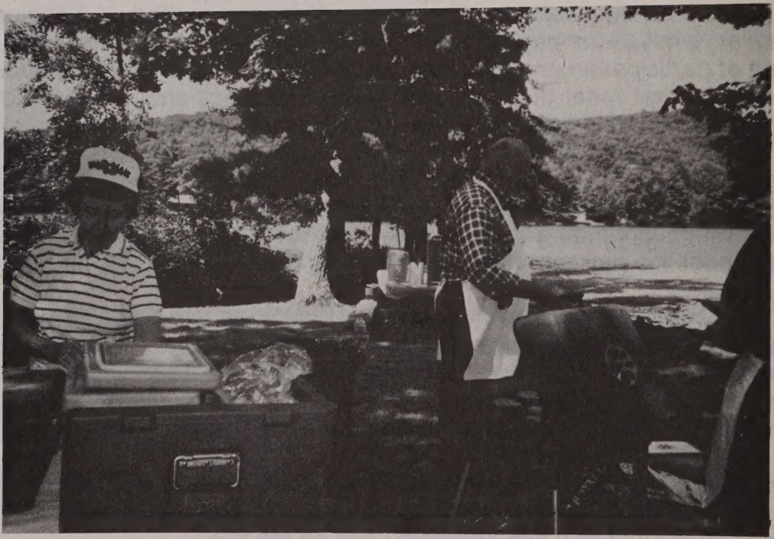
The construction plans were completed by our Architect Margo Jones of Greenfield and approved by the state in early fall. The contract for construction of the units was awaded to Joseph Francese, Inc. of Pittsfield, the low bidder, for the sum of $474,474. A ground breaking ceremony was held on December 9, 1986 and construction is scheduled to be completed by June 1, 1987. When completed the units will be leased to Shelton's Inc.

In July, the Authority received a $5,000 planning grant for the construction of 6 duplexes for low and moderate income families. A search is currently underway to locate several town or state owned parcels suitable for the construction of this much needed affordable rental housing for families.

In December, the Authority received an increase in the state modernization grant for EOCD in the amount of $25,000 to aluminum clad peeling wood trim at Everett Acres. Once the amendment to the contract for financial assistance has been received, an Architect will be retained to draw up specifications and secure bids for the proposed work.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Housing Authority
William C. Carmody, Chairman
W. Ira Shattuck
Mary S. Pratt
Thomas C. Kubacki
John W. Avery



Council On Aging

1986 ANNUAL REPORT - - - COUNCIL ON AGING

1986 marked Clare Oberly's retirement as Co-Director/Co-Founder of the Belchertown Senior Center. The growth of programs and services for the elderly and handicapped in our town in the past eleven and three-quarters years is a tribute to Clare's dedicated service to her community. Commencing as a volunteer in the spring of 1975, she saw Belchertown's elderly population grow from 718 in 1975 to over 1,470 by the end of 1986. She laid the foundations and developed programs and services to meet the expressed and implied needs as the numbers grew and the needs and interests changed. The Belchertown Senior Center's statewide standing of excellence is further tribute to Clare Oberly. She will be greatly missed; our Center today is visible evidence of her dedication and commitment to Belchertown's elderly and handicapped. Elders, Council members, and staff all join in a heartfelt "Thanks and best wishes" to Clare.

Federal funding constraints, first evident during 1985, continued to be a concern during 1986. In 1986 for the first time, our Council received level federal funding for the Nutrition program and USDA Cash per meal was reduced; this federal shortfall was supplemented with additional state dollars. Elderly and handicapped Transportation federal dollars received another cut in 1986, increasing both the state and local portions assessed. At the close of 1986, we were still able to operate the Nutrition program without any local monies, and trust that this will continue in 1987. No local upfront Transportation money was budgeted in 1986, but an increased percentage of local upfront cost was reflected on the "Cherry Sheet".

The increase in numbers of Belchertown elders during 1986 was minimal, an increase of 67 known elders. Though we saw no drastic increase in elderly population; the scope of services needed to address the needs of the elders in 1986 increased drastically. Three factors came into play as causes for this increase in service need:

1) Early hospital discharge due to Medicare regulations,
2) Increased use of day Surgery routines with elders, and
3) Increased numbers of elders needing ongoing home support services.

The Council is responding to these needs as effectively as possible, and near the end of 1986 additional funding was sought to increase our ability to meet these changing needs. Coupled with this increase in basic service needs, nutrition, health, and transportation; we also witnessed and increase in the percentage of the total elderly population actively involved in one or more services of the Council on Aging.

The unduplicated numbers participating in MPSC (Multi-Purpose Senior Center) services and the volume of participation in the major service categories can best be presented through the following tables:

I. UNDUPLICATED NUMBER PARTICIPANTS EACH SERVICE CATEGORY: 7/1/85 - 6/30/86

	1984	1985	1986
Outreach	511	572	774
Health	367	478	461
Nutrition	417	465	457
Transportation	183	220	255
Activities (all)	380	620	711
Social Day Care (new in 1985)	xxx	xxx	19
At Least 1 Service	821	876	950

II. VOLUME OF PARTICIPATION/SERVICE 7/1/85 - 6/30/86

	1984	1985	1986
Total Center Visits	38,647	39,532	46,112
Total Congreate Meals	xxxx	20,319	19,052
Total Home Delivered Meals (Includes Granby)	xxxx	42,974	49,624
Total Health	3,297	3,182	3,142
Total Transportation Trips (One person/one way)	12,695	14,223	14,598
Total Transportation Miles	53,189	54,770	57,768
Total Social/Respite Care	xxxx	xxxx	473
Total Activites (all)	16,880	17,985	27,060
Total Ourtreach	2,740	3,591	4,392

A Needs Assessment/Population Profile was conducted in 1986, primarily at Pine Valley Plantation and Mill Hollow Elderly Housing. The Council has been aware of several needs which this Survey verified, specifically:

1) Need for in-home personal assistance personnel,
2) Need for viable services to address isolation and depression,
3) Need for community based Social Day service and
4) Need for self-help support groups.

The Assessment/Profile revealed four rather unexpected findings specifically:

1) Relative new residency in Belchertown of many elders (Mean residency at PVP 5.0 years and MH 7.0 years),
2) Numbers of elders, new to community, living with their children,
3) Numbers of elders who limit driving to in-town and/or daytime, and
4) Large numbers of younger elders seeking active recreational activities, cultural opportunities, and social interaction.

The Council and staff recognize the challenge facing them as they seek to address the new directions which were indicated; they further realize that this will involve a community approach. To address this challenge, a Proposal was written to EOEA late in 1986, with anticipated award early 1987, for CARE

(Community Approach to Reaching Elders). Monies sought would be used for a temporary staff position to:

1) Seek out community "gatekeepers" to alert us to elders in need and to the changing needs of others,
2) Form a CARE Council to bring together churches, civic groups and others to address the needs, and
3) Acquire additional pertinent data including disablility, mobility, live-alone status, etc. for immediate availibility in an emergency.

Throughout 1986 additional computer programming and data collection continued. Transportation service data, elderly population statistics, mailing list, and food program inventory are now programmed. The Council has complete access to a senior's personal computer and this individual has been responsible for the programming and most of the data entry.

Belchertown Council on Aging membership experienced unexpected change in 1986. Council Chair, Jayne Slate moved out of town and her resignation was accepted with regret. Jayne had worked energetically for the Center since first joining the Council. Among her accomplishments in addition to effectively Chairing the Council was the Singalong Group, which under her guidence became a well known and well traveled group. Our appreciation and thanks to Jayne.

The Council, elders, and Center staff were saddened in July by the death of Roy King, Sr. Council Treasurer for many years. Roy's daily presence at the Center and his enthusiasm for the Center brought many of his peers into the life of the Center. His commitment of time was deeply appreciated and he will be greatly missed. At the very beginning of 1987, we were all saddened by the sudden death of Council member, Robert LaMudge. Bob's interest in elder services and his expertise in accounting and financial planning was a valuable resource for the Council as it grew and its budgets became more complex. We appreciate the hours he so willingly gave and extend to his family our love and sympathy.

Council organization in 1986 was Gerald Houlihan - Chair; Shirley Dorey - Vice-Chair; Mary Clauss - Secretary; Kathyrn Everett - Treasurer. Personnel Sub-Committee included Gerald Houlihan, Casimir Owczarski.

During 1986 staff duties and responsibilities were changed and a new Job description created in an attempt to best meet 1987 and Clare Oberly's retirement. A Social Service Coordinator position was created drawing some responsibilities from the former Program Director and some from the Executive Director. In December the Council, with the approval of the Selectmen, chose Cynthia McLaughlin for this position. Sharon Zukowski, Elderly & Handicapped Transportation Senior Driver, was given supervisory duties and responsibility for Belchertown representation in regional and area special transportation matters and concerns. Madeleine Linde joined our staff in August as Social Day Care Staff and at the end of the year became full time with Outreach and Social Supports duties. In our Nutrition Program, supervisory and scheduling responsibilities were added to Deborah Hare's and Carol Clark's duties. The Consultant Dietician Laurie Bassler, assumed additional responsibility in area of special diets, menu supervision, sanitation, and health regulations. The rationale for these changes being the promotion and recognition of present staff through added responsibility.

The fragmentation of elderly/handicapped services at federal, state and local level continues to be an obstacle to effective, caring services. In 1986 this fragmentation became even more evident as new providers sprang up with new and different specialized services, as health insurance regulations became even more complex, and as cost-cutting measures at the federal level really impacted the elder. To this end, the Council functions as a local Information and Referral center to lessen the impact of bureaucracy upon our elders and to aid them in receiving the care and services they deserve.

Again in 1986, every program and service was made possible by the countless hours given by volunteers. Every segment of Center programming is enriched by the caring dedicated service of our volunteers. We salute these men and women, and publically thank them for their hours of service and their commitment to their tasks. They are all very, very important to the life of the Center.

The Council's budget draws upon many funding sources to keep our local appropriation at a realistic level while at the same time offering comprehensive services for the active elder, the frail at-risk elder, and the special needs elders. The Council budget for the coming year is comprised of:

I.	NUTRITION IIIC Grant, USDA, Home Care, Donations	(10/1/86 - 9/30/87)	$159,124.00
II.	TRANSPORTATION Fares, Home Care, Day Care, Donations	(7/1/87 - 6/30/88)	44,648.00
III.	SOCIAL DAY CARE EOEA + Participant	(7/1/86 - 6/30/87)	10,500.00
IV.	SPECIAL CARE PROJECT Final award pending	(7/1/86 - 6/30/87)	6,660.00
V.	SENIOR AIDES 20 hr/wk to 2 staff members	(10/1/86 - 9/30/87)	8,320.00
VI.	BELCHERTOWN SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER ASSN., INC. Craft sales, donations, gifts		5,700.00
	TOTAL FUNDING EXCLUSIVE OF TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		$234,952.00

IF ONE WERE TO CALCULATE VOLUNTEER HOURS
EVEN AT MINIMUM WAGE IT WOULD TOTAL $20,448.00!

The Center's Social Day Care, which commenced in 1985, received second year funding from EOEA. It continues to provide a much needed service at the

Center for a small group of at-risk elders who, without social support and assistance with mobility, would not be able to become part of the social interaction at the Center. The SDC program located at the Center among well active elders has motivated at-risk elders to greater social interaction, relieved depression through involvement, and served as a respite setting for others. Although small in numbers, SDC is a vital service at the Center, and its location among active, energetic elders has proven to be an effective model statewide. Financially, SDC has experienced funding problems since inception. We hold a contract with our Home Care Corp., but there have been no referral of clients; hence, no third party reimbursements. EOEA, with whom SDC is a priority service, has been most cooperative in additional funding so that we have been able to continue the service without too large a financial drain on the participants.

The opening of Chestnut Hill Community School Pool was a long awaited event for many. Through the cooperation of Parks & Recreation an aquatic exercise class is held three times each week under the leadership of Robin Law. Increasing numbers are taking advantage of this "Aqua-Nastics" program and also early morning swim times and a Senior Swim time on Saturdays. With only a month of 1986 to evaluate elder response to this program, accurate data is not yet available, but the general concensus is that more and more elders are becoming involved as the word spreads.

Belchertown's Walking Club was formed by Ken Collard in May of 1986. Its success has been great. They journeyed to Boston in the fall for the Governor's Cup on Boston Common and returned with a plaque commending them for their growth; one of 17 Councils so honored. Their numbers are increasing as is their enthusiasm; at the close of the year membership stood at 35.

The OAA IIIC Nutrition Program is operating on level funding, and through 1986 managed to stay solvent. Congregate numbers through 1986 decreased slightly with the loss of Granby congregate participants late in 1985. However, the Home Delivered meals served seven days a week with both a hot noontime meal and a soup, sandwich, and dessert evening meal increased by over 30% in 1986. As delivery routes became more extensive and numbers being served increased, we commenced paying a stipend to drivers in addition to the mileage reimbursement. This has put an added strain on the limited Nutrition funds and we are seeking alternative funding. As Nutrition monies become less and less adequate, we are considering requesting larger donations from participants in the future. Being a federal program with strict guidelines, we can not charge for meals rather we publish a "suggested donation". This is currently at $1.00 and it is the general feeling that an increase would not be a hardship on those involved. This suggestion having come from the participants, not the staff.

Transportation services increased in 1986 to respond to the demand of day surgery, day care, and dialysis requests. It was necessary to extend our daily hours of service to meet this need; this was done early in 1986 and six different individuals are on part time payroll to meet these early morning and late afternoon medical trips. This trend was anticipated and our present budget is expected to be adequate. However, we continue to loose third party reimbursement for transportations and have calculated a fare increase into our F.Y. '88 PVTA budget.

Our Council submitted the name of our Lead Driver, Sharon Zukowski, to PVTA in the fall as a candidate for their Driver of the Year award. Sharon's excellent driving record, her concern and caring attitude with her passengers, and her willingness to accomodate special requests made her, we felt, an ideal candidate. PVTA concurred, and named Sharon Zukowski as Driver of the Year for PVTA Special Transportation. Our congratulations to Sharon.

A second PVTA vehicle, a front wheel drive station wagon, was awarded to Belchertown in the fall of 1986. This vehicle will be used mainly for medical trips. Delivery is expected early in 1987.

A Town owned station wagon/van will be sought in 1987; this vehicle has been on the Council's Capital Imporvement Plan for five years. PVTA regulations stipulate that their vehicles and operating costs funded by them shall be used solely for elderly and handicapped transportation. This precludes use for Outreach, staff travel, supply pickup, and home support. There is need for a new van/wagon to replace our 1977 Dodge and to supplement our sedan. Primary use would be staff travel, meals delivery, outreach, supply procurement, and rubbish removal.

Health related services offered by and through the Center branched into new areas in 1986. The new pool at Chestnut Hill enabled us, in cooperation with Parks & Recreation, to offer aquatic exercise, the Walking Club is promoting a healthier lifestyle for others. Wing Hospital Community Health Center operated an ongoing Diabetic Screening Service at the Center throughout 1986. Rose Tyburski, Quaboag Visiting Nurse Assn., worked in close cooperation with the Center throughout the year both through health services at the Center and in-home evaluations. The Hampshire County Easter Seal Stroke Club was brought to Belchertown through the work of Cynthia McLaughlin of the Council staff. Monthly meetings are held at the Center and are open to all Hampshire County residents with stroke related problems. The V.I.P. (Vision Impaired Persons) Group under Sally Dodge's direction expanded during 1986 and shared events with the Amherst VIP Group.

Other health related services, all promoting the concept of "wellness", drew upon the expertise of many health professionals and included monthly blood pressure clinics at two locations, influenza clinic, health seminars, films, and counselling.

Activities at the Center cover a broad range and at any one time relect the interests of groups of elders; varying from very active types to the more passive, spectator activity. From swimming, cross-country skiing, and walking to crafts, cards, painting, and singing. Day trips and extended trips attract many coupled with the large selection of tempting activities are the entry point for many into the life of the Center. The Center's yearly Craft Fairs generate enthusiasm and income. In 1986 over $2,000 was realized from the sale of crafts made by seniors. The emphasis upon educational seminars continued in 1986; elders joining with Shaun Bresnahan's summer high school course and in the fall participating in another Belchertown History Hands On Group again led by Shaun Bresnahan.

Outreach, mentioned at length at the beginning of the report, was our 1986 priority of service; advances were made, but there remains many voids. Our elderly population changes constantly as do their needs; we are aware that an ideal Outreach program is probably an unattainable goal, but again in 1987 our first priority will be to work cooperatively with churches and community organizations to develop and implement a cooperative outreach venture in Belchertown.

Information and Referral was especially time consuming and complicated in 1986; changing federal regulations governing health insurance contributed greatly to the complexities of I & R in 1986. All requests were either handled in-house or referred to the appropriate agency. In several cases legal follow through was used. An increasing number of cases last year were very difficult to settle in the best interests of the elder; these ususally involving a Medicare problem.

The Council served as the distribution agency for surplus government food in Belchertown and also as Fuel Assistance Intake for all elders and handicapped. AARP provided Income Tax Assistance to all interested elders; using space at the Center and also making home visits where indicated.

The Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Assn. Inc. continued to fund programs and services of the Center. Operating costs of $5,700 were paid by the Association; no new equipment was purchased, but maintenance, postage, and supplies paid. Memorial Fund balance at the close of 1986 was $2,240.33.

The Council maintains membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors, and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging. Staff members served on the Holyoke Chicopee Regional Senior Services Board of Directors and Area Agency Advisory Board.

The community support which exists in Belchertown has contributed greatly to all programs and services of the Council; without all departments working together and without the support of civic groups and individuals your Council would have been far less effective. For this community support, we are very grateful, and express our thanks and appreaciation to each and every one who has, in any way, contirbuted to the growth of the Senior Center in Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Wadsworth

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATIONAL DEPT.

The year of 1986 was a busy and exciting year for the Recreation Department. Along with keeping up all our existing programs and responsibilities, the facilities at the Chestnut Hill Middle School became available for use. We have begun expanding our program offerings. As always the efforts of the Recreation Department were directed towards the continued improvement of the recreational opportunities for the residents of Belchertown.

The Recreation department is staffed by two full-time employees, but supplemented by many part-time employees. With the combined skills of all our employees it has enabled us to offer a wide variety of programs for the citizens of Belchertown.

Along with our part-time employees we have many people who volunteer their time and support for our functions. A sincere Thank-you goes out to all those individuals who have helped enhance our programs; from coaching teams to chaperoning dances.

The following agencies and businesses were sponsors in 1986: Clark's Sport Shop, Choquette's Market, J & J Coin-A-Matic, Lioness Club, Don Cole, Frank's Lawnmower Service, Stebbins Construction, Reece Auto Body, Don's Auto Service, Mill Valley Splicing, Henrichon Electric, Red's Pool, VFW, Bell & Hudson Insurance, Springs Lounge, D.H. Jones, Asplundh, Hampshire Steel, T.S. Morganbake, McCarthy's Pub, Village Package, American Legion, Belchertown Pharmacy, Conkey Lumber, New Town House Restaurant, Ludlow Bank, Elder Lumber, Snow's Country Store, Quabbin Service, Swift River Crafts, Interskate 91, Hair Dynamics, Belchertown Florists, Belchertown Bicycle Shop, Apollo Pizza, Lucianos Bakery, Video Studio 19, Abdows, Bill McCourt (New England Liquors), Rich Walker (Miller), Chan Computer Corporation, Quabbin Valley Insurance, Quabbin Valley Realty, SkiHaus-SportHaus, Pizza Pub, Adelfia Restaurant.

Each year our role broadens and takes on new dimensions. We review past programming and initiate new programming to meet the growth and needs of all age groups. Here is a list of programs that were offered in 1986: Instructional Basketball, 5th & 6th Grade Basketball for boys and girls, 7th & 8th Grade Basketball for boys and girls, Adult Basketball League, Instructional Baseball, Organized Baseball for Children 7 - 15 years old, Instructional Soccer, 5th & 6th Grade Soccer for boys and girls, 7th & 8th Grade Soccer for boys and girls, Summer Playground, Red Cross Swim Lessons, Arts & Crafts, CPR, Advance Lifesaving, First Aid, Babysitting, Self-Defense, Women's Softball, Men's Softball, Co-ed Softball, Youth Golf Teams, Senior Citizen Exercise, Senior Citizen Swimnastics, Senior Citizen Cross Country Skiing, Adult and Children's Cross Country Skiing, Adult Lap Swim, Swim Team, Aerobics For Fitness, Creative Movement, Girls Softball, Open Tennis, Outside Basketball, Open Basketball.

Special events put on by the Recreation department were: The 6th Annual Oktoberfest Road Race (Co-sponsored by the VFW), Awards Picnic (Co-sponsored by the VFW), 5th, 6th and 7th Grade Dances, Rollerskating Trips, Mt. Tom Water Slide, and our annual Penny Carnival.

With the new facilities at the Chestnut Hill Community School we are excited and looking forward to offering a wider range of programs. The following programs are in the works for the future: Year round swim lessons, Family Swims, Special Aquatics Programs (scuba diving, water ballet, etc.), Swimnastics, Water Safety Instructor courses, Youth Swims, Tennis Lessons, Ice Skating, Gymnastics, as well as the use of the track, picnic pavillion and playground.

Our facilities have expanded and Gus Linde, Head of Maintenance, has done an excellent job maintaining the areas. The list includes: Parson's Field, Cold Spring Field, the Austin-Gaughan Softball Fields, High School Fields, Tennis Courts, Outside Basketball Courts, Track, Picnic Pavillion, and Middle School Fields.

Changes came also to the Recreation Committee. We said "Thank You" and "Goodbye" to member Jon Hogan and welcomed Chris Daley, who joined us in the summer.

Publicity for our programs was done through a monthly Recreational Newsletter, Monthly School Flyers, Newspaper write-ups in the Holyoke Transcript, Springfield Morning and Daily News, Springfield Union, Amherst Record and the Sentinel. Special events were announced on area radio stations, Newspapers, Flyers, and posters put up in various locations around town.

The year of 1986 has come to an end and once again I would like to thank everyone for their support and cooperation in making the Recreation Department's year a great success. The future looks very promising for recreational opportunities for the citizens of Belchertown. The Recreation Committee and I welcome any suggestions or criticism about the department and its programs. We would like to invite you to attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, held at the Old Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Knapp
Recreation Director

Robin Law
Assistant Director

The Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee:
Pat Burton, Chairman, Bruce Smith,Sylvia Conkey, Richard Thibodeau, Chris Daley

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

Once upon a time there was a settlement called Cold Spring.......

> ".....at its best in summer, with its rich vesture of green. The numerous springs and the dewy air keep the pastures and meadows fresh, while the shade trees in streets and gardens,the adjacent forests, the scattered wide growths are so luxurient and widespread. The main roads, it must be confessed, would be dull if it were not for the outlooks upon hills and farms...There was a good view from a farmhouse on the side of an eastern hill, or, better, from the hilltop, lookingwestward. This view embraced the cove, the river winding through the meadows, the village, tufted with maples and elms, the white spire standing out from the northern hill, which dominate the region. The traveller who has seen something of the Old World finds that the tranquil beauty of this scene lingers in memory.....The image of this landscape remains clear....."*

*From Quabbin, the Story of a New England Town by Francis H. Underwood, 1893

Cold Spring is no longer the typical New England town fitting the author's 1893 description of one, but few people reading this report will fail to see an enduring resemblance in the above passage. Belchertown still has pastures and shade trees and spectacular views!

The Historical Commission worked with the Regional Planning Commission in 1986 in hopes of finding ways to protect those spectacular views and scenic areas. One, called the "Scenic Roads By Law", is designed to give citizens the opportunity to consider protecting the character of their community before certain elements become irrevocably altered or destroyed. Under such a By-Law, agencies or individuals wishing to alter public roads by removing large trees or expanses of stone walls would have to hear public input and receive Planning Board approval first. The measure would give Belchertown residents an opportunity to decide what separates this community from sprawling suburbia--and preserve those things.

Hadley, Leverett, Amherst, and growing numbers of other communities have adopted such protections. Belchertown voters at the 1986 Annual Town Meeting chose not to. There is concern that Belchertown may be in the most danger; the Historical Commission will continue its efforts to raise public consciousness to the need not to delay adopting such protections.

Last year's report outlined our top priority--that of preserving and protecting 200 years of written history in the form of town records going back to the early 1700's. They were virtually falling apart! We consulted with restoration experts in order to determine what needed to be done to restore the valuable documents to near perfect condition. The final result was a $12,000 appropriation from revenue sharing; voters at the annual town meeting clearly approved of our plan. The volumes have been fumigated, deacidified, and bathed in protective solutions page by page, before being mended and hand-sewn into leather binding. We are pleased and grateful to the people who supported the project--most particularly Town Clerk, George Bach, who helped procure the funds.

The Commission was delighted to receive grant money from Charles and Peter DeRose of the Hampshire Gazette to fund still another of our projects. As part of their 200th anniversary, the publishers agreed to underwrite the purchase of microfilming Hampshire Gazettes from the period 1821-1867. As anyone who has attempted to research Belchertown's history knows, information on historical events and the comings and goings of local people could only be obtained after a trip to the Forbes or UMass libraries. We are most grateful to the DeRose family for the gift of this important research material, now available on microfilm at the Clapp Memorial Library.

The Commission is anxious to protect the character and integrity of the Belchertown Center Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and remains concerned about the Ludlow Savings Bank's plans for the former Plant property and their 17 acres to the rear, abutting the Post Office. To date no reply to our request for information has been received. We urge the public to keep abreast of any proposals that will affect out historic district.

The Commission made recommendations to Selectmen in 1984 concerning renovations to Lawrence Memorial Hall. Included in this report was the request to remove the wheelchair ramp at the entrance to the building when renovations are complete. Officials agreed prior to installation that the ramp was unappealing, but temporary.

A suggestion was also made to install a climate-controlled, dust-free, exclusive storage area for the safety and protection of town records. Officials must begin including this space in building plans now. It took $12,000 to reverse the effects of time on the documents, and they must receive the best of care if we want to preserve them for future generations of Belchertown residents.

Robert Hansbury, member and past chairman of the Commission, ended his last term of office in 1986, and will be missed. Bob's interest in Belchertown and enthusiasm for history and preservation were tremendous assets, and we thank him for his years of service to the town.

In closing, we would like to congratulate those property owners who began or completed historical restorations in 1986. They have contributed to the picturesque roadside views and enduring character of our community--two elements Belchertown is admired for.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Bay
Shirley Bock
Lee Forsythe
Paul Lussier
Carl Peterson
Belchertown Historical Commission

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

The Belchertown Arts Lottery Council had an active year with two very successful funding cycles. A total of 21 applications were submitted for the two funding cycles which ended May 1 and Nov 1. Funds were awarded to 12 of these. Our allocation from the state was approximately $5,500 -- revenue raised through the highly successful Megabucks lottery.

The main criteria for funding is bringing both the visual and performing arts to the greatest number of Belchertown residents. We look for variety in projects and give preference to local applicants whenever possible.

The diversified array of projects funded in 1986 included bringing live theater to Belchertown residents, enjoying a halcyon summer afternoon listening to Big Band music, restoration of paintings that are part of our local heritage, and making our most extensive natural resource, the Quabbin, more accessible to local residents. Specific projects funded were:

July '86 funding Cycle

(Closed May 1, 1986)

* Big Band, concert on the Common
* Historical Association, painting restoration
* Carriage Towne Players, production of Little Mary Sunshine
* Library Centennial Committee, community celebration
* Friends of the Quabbin, design and production of guide book
* Monadnock Media, taping oral histories of Belchertown residents

Jan. '87 Funding Cycle

(Closed Nov. 1, 1986)

* Belchertown Community Band, concert series
* Larry Rothfeder, magic show in schools
* Friends of Quabbin, painting for visitors' center
* Comic Mirror, puppet performances in Library
* Hope United Methodist Church, organ concert series
* Library Centennial Committee, community celebration

A special note of thanks to three members of the original Arts Lottery Council, who, in accordance with state law, rotated off the Council this year. They are: Suzanne Bay, Robert Hansbury, and June Henneman. We welcomed on three new members, Barbara Schaffer-Bacon, Berne Kowalski, and Judy McQuillen. Barbara, unfortunately, was forced to resign her post when consulting responsibilities posed a potential conflict. Although we regret losing Barbara as a Council member, she is a valuable ally in her arts consulting post.

As we embark on 1987, the Council is excited to be participating in a cultural needs assessment program. Belchertown has been chosen as one of four towns in the Commonwealth for this pilot program. It presents a valuable opportunity and is particularly valuable at a time when we are taking a detailed look at our future.

We look forward to continuing to enhance the quality of life in our community through our support of the visual and performing arts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gambaro, Chairman
William Barron
Marianne Gambaro
Berne Kowalski
Judy McQuillen
Gayle Taylor

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held March 3, 1986
(Lawrence Memorial Hall) FY 86

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. but recessed until 7:45 p.m. to allow the voters to be checked in.
Registered voters present - 444 (Quorum required - 25)
The clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. Voted to authorize the School Committee to sell by sealed bids the 55 year old piano in Memorial School for not less than $100.00.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to accept Chapter 60, Section 106 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, allowing for any property tax due a town in an amount not in excess of twenty-five dollars due and payable in a single payment.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,500.00 to the Insurance Account.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,450.00 to the Law Account to cover costs of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article V. Voted to transfer the following described parcel of land from the Town of Belchertown to Mrs. Sophie Dugre of 91 East Walnut St., Belchertown:

A certain parcel of land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts prepared for the Town of Belchertown" dated January 28, 1986 and is more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin on the northerly side of Jabish Street at the southeast corner of land of Sophie Dugre and at the northeast corner of the herein described parcel; Thence, running southwesterly along a curve to the left having a radius of 484.06 feet and along the northerly line of Jabish Street an arc distance of

107.75 feet to a point at the easterly terminus of East Walnut Street; Thence, running N 89 degrees 26'50"W along the northerly line of said East Walnut Street a distance of 118.97 feet to a point; Thence, running N 68 degrees 01'38"E along land of Sophie Dugre a distance of 207.29 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 4,509 square feet of area, more or less. Said parcel is to be subject to to any and all utilities which may now exist within the parcel. Meaning and intending to describe a parcel of land formerly used as part of East Walnut Street and now being discontinued.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to accept the document entitled "Salary Study Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts" dated December 23, 1985 and prepared by Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee, 1700 Mechanics Bank Tower, Worcester, Massachusetts, and to administer such acceptance to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Under section 5. Hours of Work and Overtime - paragraph 2. delete the phrase "For salaried employees classified as Police, Highway, and Administrative-Professional in Appendix A," and replace it with: "For salaried employees classified as Management in Appendix A.,".
Under Section 5. Overtime -paragraph 2. delete the phrase "Employees classified as Police, Highway, and Administrative Professional in Appendix A.," and replace with: "Employees classified as Management in Appendix A.",.
Under Section 8. Classification and Compensation - under TOWN CLASSIFICATION - COMPENSATION PLAN - delete A., B. and C. in its entirety and replace with:

A. MANAGEMENT

Police Chief	$30,000.00
Highway Superintendent	26,000.00
Town Accountant	26,000.00
Building Inspector	23,000.00
Maintenance Supervisor & Craftsman	20,000.00
Executive Director, Senior Services	20,000.00
Program Director, Senior Services	18,000.00
Recreation Director	18,000.00

Management rates are effective January 1, 1986.

Replace D. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT with B. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Replace E. CLERICAL with C. CLERICAL

Replace F. MAINTENANCE with D. MAINTENANCE and delete Building Maintenance Craftsman $8.10 from the category.

Under C. WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE - delete the first sentence following the salary chart and replace with: "Employees classified as Management shall receive a weekly salary."

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, a motion to take no further action was defeated as follows: Yes-165; NO-202)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate from the Personnel Study Results account the sum of $14,000.00 and from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,500.00 to the following accounts:

Executive Secretary Salary	$4,420.11
Account-Secretary Salary	2,659.60
Council on Aging Salaries	2,604.71
Maintenance Salary	1,525.76
Police Chief's Salary	2,241.44
Highway Superintendent's Salary	931.66
Recreation Director Salary	808.10
Building Inspector Salary	2,308.62

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town of Belchertown that section of Route 202 from the junction of Routes 21 and 202 at Turkey Hill Road. to the intersection of Routes 181, 202 and 21 in the center of Belchertown, a distance of approximately 1.05 miles excepting the limits of the bridge carrying Route 202 over the CVRR tracks from back of abutment to back of abutment which will remain the property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, as follows:

Article 13. MUNICIPAL SEWERS.

13-1-1 No industry or commercial wastewater generators serviced by the so-called South Belchertown sewerage system, which system discharges to the Town of Palmer sewerage system, shall discharge any wastewaters other than ordinary domestic waste to said sewerage system until and unless the Town of Palmer develops and implements other By-Laws, Ordinances, rules or regulations which have been approved by the state or federal agencies to regulate use of the sewerage system, particularly as it relates to so-called pretreatment provisions. All costs related to

the administration and enforcement of said By-Laws, Ordinaces, rules or regulations shall be borne by all the effected users.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article X. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,269.46 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Baystate Pediatric Group	325.00
Joan Loveless	30.00
Cartuogno Court Reporting Services, Inc.	191.00
Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers	369.46
Holyoke Chicopee Area Mental Health Clinic, Inc.	354.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XI. Voted to authorize the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee to apply for and accept any funding which may be available to the District by accepting the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 13, of the Acts of 1985, which hereby established a professional grant program for the purpose of supplementing teacher compensation in cities, towns, and regional school districts, educational collaboratives, or independent vocational schools.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XII. Voted to authorize the Belchertown School Committee to apply for and accept any funding which may be available to the Town by accepting the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 13, of the Acts of 1985, which hereby establishes a professional development grant program for the purpose of supplementing teacher compensation in cities, towns, and regional school districts, educational collaboratives or independent vocational schools.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XIII. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to purchase the following property for conservation purposes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8c, as amended, to be mangaed and controlled by the Conservation Commission, (parcel of land was off Goodell Street, described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 2418, Page 139),
It was voted to take no action on this article.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete from the Agricultural District the following described land and include the same within the General Business District:

Starting from a point 455.17' from the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Wieland, running S39 degrees 08' 28" E along a course of 468 feet; thence running S 51 degrees 08' 28" W along a course of 400 feet; thence running N 39 degrees 08' 28" W, along a course of 560 feet; thence running N 51 degrees 08' 28" E, along a course of 75 feet; thence running N 74 degrees 42' 05" E, along a course of 227.43 feet; containing 213,575 square feet, more or less.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

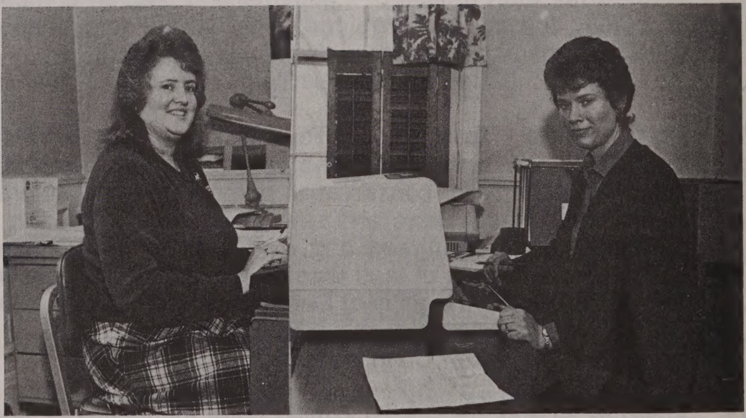
Article XV. Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $100,000.00 to purchase from Linda L. Phelps of Northfield, Massachusetts, the real estate including land and buildings in Belchertown recorded in Book 1716, Page 85, bordering on North Main Street - Route 202, and Cottage Street, being shown at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 1716, Page 85.

(Vote - Yes - 249; No - 44; Required for 2/3's = 195)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, and after considerable discussion, a unanimous yes vote moved the question.)

Meeting dissolved at 10:30 p. m.

Attest:
George R. Bach, Town Clerk



Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 12, 1986, at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School

(Prior to the opening of the meeting, the High School Band played several selections.)

Moderator - Joseph R. White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Registered voters present - 379 (Quorum required - 25)
The clerk read the Return of the Warrant.
Boy Scouts posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
The Star Spangled Banner was played by the High School Band.
Invocation by Rev. Thomas Hawkins of Hope United Methodist Church.
Dorothy Rhodes, Chairman of the School Committee, recognized Diane Loftus, Science Fair winner.
Selectman Shirley Aldrich presented 2nd Annual Municipal Service Award to Eleanor Green, Town Accountant.
Selectman Herbert Squires presented Volunteer of the Year Award to Harriet Chevalier.
Selectman Joanne Newman presented Volunteer of the Year Award to Patricia Burton.
Selectman Kenneth Rhodes presented Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Mobile Home Rent Control Board: John Chapple, Kenneth Thayer, William Barnett, Wilhelmina Eaton, Edward Gates.
Selectman Bernard Kubiak presented Citizen of the Year Award to Winifred Shattuck.

Article I. Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds each for one year, and Mrs. Sylvia Conkey as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee and the Controlled Growth Study Committee.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1986, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departmants for the ensuing fiscal year at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors, Chairman	$9.61
Assessors, Other Members	7.87
Cemetery Commissioners	7.50
Sewer Commissioners	7.50
Tree Warden	7.50

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account the sum of $4,169.50 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $1,400.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article VII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.
(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article VIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article IX. Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 1987 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section53F, as amended.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article X. Voted to establish a Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 5D of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and further to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to said fund.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XI. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XII. Voted to appropriate from the Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures Account the sum of $60,000.00 to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $50,000.00 for Improvements to Public Ways pending reimbursement of General Laws, Chapter 577, Section 8 of the Acts of 1980.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XIV. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,056.00 as Belchertown's share of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day program.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XVI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $65,000.00 to the Lawrence Memorial Hall Renovation Account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XVII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $40,000.00 to Land and Water Conservation Grant Construction Account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XVIII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,000.00 to preserve the documents of the Town Clerk.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XIX. Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow in the anticipation of full reimbursement for the Aquifer Land Aquisition Grant pursuant to Chapter 286 of the Acts of 1982.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $6,250.00 for the purpose of a Restoration/Preservation project on Lake Arcadia and Lake Metacomet; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive, and expend without further appropriation an additional sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for said purpose.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,750.00 for the purpose of a Restoration/Preservation project on Lake Arcadia; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive, and expend without further appropriation an additional sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for said purpose.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXII. Voted to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds the sum of $152,725.00 for the purposes named herewith-

Assessors	File Cabinet	$1,200.00
Finance Committee	Office Equipment,	400.00
Planning Board	File Cabinet	175.00
Police Department	Computer Equipment, Radio Equipment, Radar Equipment, Firearms	17,700.00
Ambulance	New Truck & Chassis	52,500.00
Dog Officer	Additional Dog Runs	1,000.00
School Department		
High School	Retile Classrooms, Boys Locker Room, Standardize Playing Fields	22,800.00
Cold Spring School	Half Rugs for Kindergarden	5,000.00
Center School	Rewire & Fix Lighting	9,900.00
Franklin School	Replace Rug	3,300.00
Town Garage	Overhead doors, Hydraulic Jack, Key Gas Pumps, Air Compressor, Jackhammer	16,600.00
Veteran's Agent	Office Equipment & Furniture	350.00
Cemetery Commissioners	Water Line - Mount Hope	1,500.00
Parks, Beach, Recreation	Gym Mats, Folding Chairs, Typewriter, Bleachers, Park Benches, Pinic Tables, Play Area Sites	9,300.00
Audit of Municipal Accounts		11,000.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XXIII. Voted to amend the "Personnel By-Law", as previously amended, in the following manner:

SECTION 5. Hours of Work and Overtime

under A. Hours of Work

Delete paragraph 2. in its entirety and replace with:

2. For salaried employees classified as Management and Administrative Professional in Appendix A, forty (40) hours per seven (7) calendar day work period, Thursday through Wednesday.

under B. Overtime

Delete the first sentence and replace with:

All full time employees covered hereby, except those classified as exempt, shall be eligible for overtime compensation as follows:

Delete paragraph 2. and replace with:

Employees classified as Management and Administrative Professional in Appendix A are not eligible to receive overtime compensation. Salaried employees are expected to work the number of hours required to perform the duties assigned to them.

under Section 8. Classification and Compensation

under Appendix A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION - COMPENSATION PLAN:

add: B. ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL

Town Planner/Grantswriter	$20,000.00

and reletter the remaining categories accordingly:

C. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D. CLERICAL

E. MAINTENANCE

under D. CLERICAL change the Dispatcher/Clerk from Level 4 to Level 5.

under E. MAINTENANCE change Maintenance Worker from $6.99 to $7.41

under COMPENSATION PLAN:

delete A. and B. in their entirety and replace with:

A. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE:

Fire Chief		$2,888.00
Veterans' Agent		3,240.00
Director of Civil Defense		250.00
Deputy Director of Civil Defense		100.00
Radio Officer, Civil Defense		100.00
Animal Inspector		350.00
Clerk, Board of Registrars	According to Chapter 41 Section 19G	
Dog Officer		600.00
	and per action	8.00
Plumbing Inspector	per inspection	10.00
Wiring Inspector	per inspection	10.00
Gas Inspector	per inspection	10.00

B. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, HOURLY SCHEDULE

Planning Board Administrative Ass't	$4.90 - $6.19
Election Workers	3.55 - 4.77
Parks & Recreational Seasonal Employees	3.55 - 6.36
Public Works Seasonal Employees	3.55 - 5.30
Council on Aging Cooks	3.55 - 7.63
Council on Aging Drivers	4.00 - 6.36
Council on Aging Nutrition Aides	3.55 - 5.30
Council on Aging Custodial	3.55 - 5.00
Council on Aging Social Day Care Coordinator	3.55 - 6.30
Clerk/Dispatcher/Secretary/Matron	3.55 - 5.83
Clerk/Typist	3.55 - 4.96
Conservation Commission Assistant	3.55 - 4.96

C. WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE. delete in its entirety and replace with:

C. WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE For all full time employees except those classified as Management, Administrative Professional, Maintenance and Seasonal Employees. A full time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) hours or more per week.

Pay Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	$179.25	$186.50	$194.00	$201.75	$209.75
2	193.50	201.25	209.25	217.50	226.25
3	209.00	217.25	226.00	235.00	244.50
4	225.75	234.75	244.25	254.00	264.25
5	243.75	253.50	263.75	274.25	285.25
6	263.25	273.75	284.75	296.25	308.00
7	284.25	295.75	307.50	319.75	332.50
8	307.00	319.25	332.00	345.25	359.00
9	331.50	344.75	358.50	372.75	387.75
10	358.00	372.25	387.25	402.75	418.75
11	386.75	402.25	418.25	435.00	452.50
12	417.75	434.50	452.00	470.00	488.75

Employees classified as Management and Administrative Professional shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees execpt those classified as Management or Administrative Professional who work forty (40) hours or less per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the number of hours actually worked.
(Vote: Yes-163; No-83; Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XXIV. (a) Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, appropriate from free cash in the treasury, or appropriate from other available funds money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance

Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $396,363.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting, with the exception of the Assessors Wage account for which recomendation is reduced to $54,753.00 and shall be considered a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Voted - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $575,051.00 for Protection of Persons & Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by the Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,513.079.00 for the School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report with the exception of the #4000 Account under 31. Town Schools, which recommendation will read $505,936.00; and each item and amount recommended being considered as a separate appropriation voted by the Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this "section d", an amendment was defeated by a majority no vote which would have increased the #4000 account by an additional $28,785., thereby bringing the total request for Town Schools to $4,304,543.00)

Article XXIV. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $472,896.00 for the Highway Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (f) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,705.00 for Health & Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (g) Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $119,520.00 for Human Services, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $128,918.00 for Culture & Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (i) Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $93,971.00 for Buildings & Grounds, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting with the exception of the following amendments which will read as follows:

53.	Maintenanceman/Groundskeeper Expenses	$22,175.00
56.	Town Common Expenses	$900.00

(Vote - Unanimious Yes)

Article XXIV. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $503,404.00 for Pensions & Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (k) Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $24,400.00 for the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIV. (l) Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,136,760.00 for Debt. Service and to met said appropriation to raise and appropriate the sum of $721,530.00, appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $158,723.40 and appropriate from the Reserve for Debt Account the sum of $256,506.60, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXV. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to purchase a parcel of land off Goodell Street for conservation purposes (see entire text in Warrant), it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXVI.Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $185,000.00 to purchase from Gerald E. Weiss of New York City, New York, or his successors, the parcel of land of 68.7 acres more or less in Belchertown, recorded in Book 1620, Page 212, and in Book 1630, Page 201, bordering on Maple Street - Route 202, and Springfield Road, being shown at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 1620, Page 212 and at Book 1630, Page 201, for municipal and/or conservation purposes.

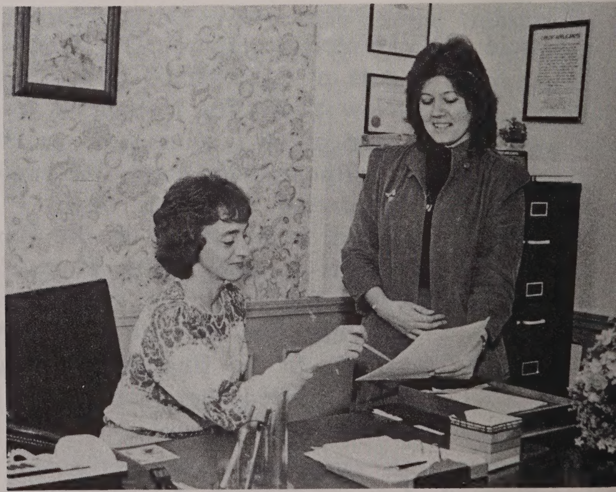
(Vote: Yes-251; No-32; 2/3 Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a unanimous yes vote moved the question.)

At this point in the meeting a motion was made to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday May 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Jr. Sr. High School.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest:
George R. Bach
Town Clerk



Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Continuation of the Annual Town Meeting held May 13, 1986 FY 87

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 298 (Quorum required - 25)
The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Article XXVII. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following manner:

under Article 10 Conduct of Town Caucus

delete the article in its entirety thereby eliminating a town caucus.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XXVIII. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following manner:

under Article 1, paragraph 3-1 Quorum

Change to read:

At all town meetings, except such parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, seventy-five (75) legal voters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXIX. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following manner:

under Article 1 Organization and Procedure:

Article 1-1-1 change to read as follows:

The annual town meeting for appropriations shall be held on the second Saturday in May of each year; the annual town meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the third Monday in May of each year.

(Vote: Yes-120; No-76; Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XXX. On the motion to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, in the manner just described by the Moderator and as written in this article in the Finance Report,

a majority no vote defeated the article.

(This article would have had the Selectmen appoint a Treasurer and Town & Tax Collector, rather than having the positions elective as they are now. See Warrant for entire text of article.)

Article XXXI. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 40, Section 39J of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, an act relative to water conservation,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXXII. Voted to accept Chapter 40, Section 57 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, allowing for denial, revocation, or suspension of local licenses or permits requested by any applicant who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article XXXIII. On the article - To see if the Town will amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by accepting the Scenic Roads By-Law, (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote: Yes-115; No-110; Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority yes vote (Yes-253; No-6) moved the question.)

Article XXXIV. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept a number of town ways as Scenic Roads as specified in the By-Law of the previous article -

it was voted to take no action.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXXV. On the motion - To amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the manner just read by the Moderator and as shown in the Finance Committee report under Article 35,

a majority no vote defeated the article. (Vote: Yes-18; No-216)

(This article would have amended the Zoning By-Laws as regards Intensity Regulations. See Warrant for entire text of article.)

(Prior to the final vote, a majority no vote defeated a motion to take no action.)

Article XXXVI. On the motion - to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by adding the Excessive Noise By-Law, as just read by the Moderator and as shown in the Finance Committee report, Article 36, (see entire text in Warrant)

a majority no vote defeated the article.

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority yes vote moved the question, followed by a majority no vote which defeated a motion to take no action.)

Article XXXVII. On the motion - to accept the resolution just read by the Moderator and as shown in the Finance Committee report under Article 37 (see entire text in Warrant), a majority no vote defeated the article. (Vote: Yes-107; No-119)

(This article pertained to suspension of nuclear testing)

Article XXXVIII. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (would have changed from General Residential to General Business a tract of land on Federal St.), see entire text in Warrant,

it was voted to take no action.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XXXIX. On the motion - to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the manner just read by the Moderator and as printed in the Finance Committee's report in Article 39,

a majority no vote defeated the article. (Vote: Yes-82; No-143)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority no vote defeated a motion to take no action.)
(This article would have changed from General Residential to General Business a tract of land on Federal Street - see entire text in Warrant.)

Article XL. On the motion - to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the manner just described by the Controlled Growth Committee (see entire motion included - next page)

a majority no vote defeated the article. (Vote: Yes-30; N0-207)

(Prior to the vote on the article, a majority yes vote limited debate to ten minutes. Vote: Yes-201; No-42)
(This article if passed would have amended the Zoning By-Laws pertaining to off-Sewer District.)

Article XLI. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendment to the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended: (see entire text in Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(This article pertained to definitions of Septic System, Effluent, and Absorption Field)

Article XLII. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendment to the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended:

it was voted to take no action.
(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article pertained to increasing lot size, frontage and setback requirements.)

Article XLIII. On the motion - to accept a proposed cap for the construction of single-dwelling units, in the manner just described by the Controlled Growth Committee (see entire motion included - next page)

a majority no vote defeated the article.
(Prior to the final vote, a majority yes vote moved the question. Vote: Yes-215; No-6)

Article XLIV. On the motion as amended - to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, (see entire text in Warrant),

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3's majority vote. Vote: Yes-91; No-82; Required for 2/3's = 115
(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority yes vote accepted the amended motion by striking out "200,000" as the minimum square footage for both Agricultural and General Residential Zones and inserting in its place, "120,000 sq. ft."
Vote: Yes-115; No-62)

THE CONTROLLED GROWTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING ZONING AMENDMENTS IN REPLY TO OUR CHARGE FROM THE 1985 TOWN MEETING:

ARTICLE 40 OFF-SEWER DISTRICT

Add to Section IV, Use regulations:
K. Off-Sewer District
1. Map.

The Off-Sewer District shall overlay all other zoning districts except areas that are on town sewers.

2. Purpose.

The town's purpose is to promote healthy, safety, and welfare by protecting and preserving the groundwater resources of Belchertown from residential usages which reduce the quality or quantity of resources.

3. Scope.

All other provisions of the by-law shall continue to apply except where the Off-Sewer District places greater protections on water resources.

4. Density.

a. New individual sewage disposal systems as defined in Title V of the State Sanitary Code shall be spaced at safe intervals so the maximum density is two (2) acres per dwelling unit.

b. This density shall apply to new construction of single-family units, two-dwelling units, and multiple dwelling units. Proposed conversions to increase dwelling units in a structure must also comply with this requirement.

Article 42

Amend Section V, Intensity Regulations. All categories not listed remain as they presently appear.

District	Minimum lot size
1. General Residential	
a. with sewers	20,000 sq. ft.
b. without sewers	80,000 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
1a. Multi-Dwelling (g)	
a. with sewers	130,680 sq. ft.
b. without sewers	80,000 sq. ft. per dwelling unit
2. Agricultural	
a. with sewers	40,000 sq. ft.
b. without sewers	80,000 sq. ft. per dwelling unit

Article 43 CAP ON OFF-SEWER DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS

Section 1, Purposes

A three-year cap on the rapid construction by developers of single-family dwellings off town sewer lines is an emergency measure. During this period the Town Planner, guided by town bodies and community input, shall formulate long-range plans for orderly, safe, and manageable growth. The overriding planning purpose shall be to safeguard our drinking water resources.

Section 2, Definitions

Developer: A person who receives building permits for two or more houselots per year.

One-House Builder: A person who receives a building permit for one dwelling per year.

One Cap Year shall run from the date of Town Meeting approval.

Section 3, Cap on Development

A cap shall be placed on rapid development of single-family dwellings off sewer lines at 110 building permits per year. On a first-come, first-served basis, developers may receive ten permits each per cap year, registering each permit with the Planning Board within ten days of receipt. In the event of substantial failure to file, or evidence of misrepresentation by the person receiving a permit, the Planning Board, after a hearing, shall restrict a developer's permits.

A one-house builder shall be exempt from this cap.

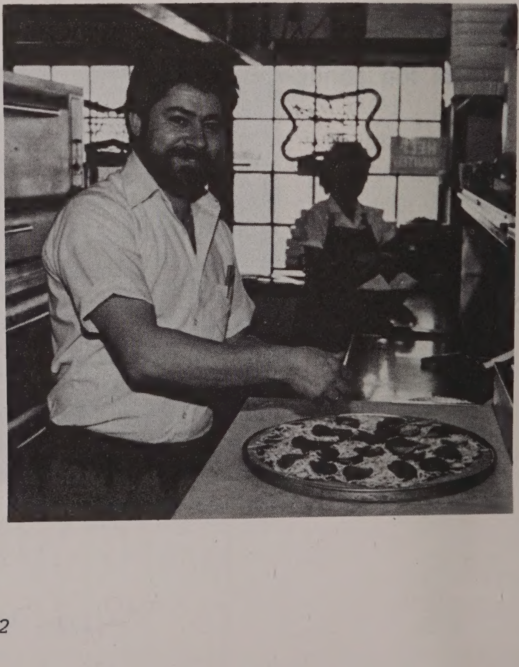
(This article pertained to Estate Lots) (establishing of)

Article XLV. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendment to the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended:
(see entire text in Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting disolved at 11:10 p.m.

Attest:
George R. Bach
Town Clerk



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 12, & MAY 13, 1986

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX/LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1-4.	None						
5.	From St. Aide to Libraries Acct to C. Mem. Lib. Exp. Acct.	4,169.50					4,169.50
6.	From Sale of Cem. Lots Acct. to Cem. Comm. Exp. Acct.	1,400.00					1,400.00
7.	Assessors - Legal Counsel Resolving Tax Cases	100.00		100.00			
8.	To Conservation Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00			
9.	None						
10.	Pension Reserve Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00			
11.	None						
12.	To Reserve Fund, from Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary & Unforeseen Exp. Acct.	60,000.00					60,000.00
13.	Public Ways - Improvements	50,000.00		50,000.00			
14.	None						
15.	Town's Share - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Program	1,056.00		1,056.00			
16.	L. M. Hall Renovation Acct.	65,000.00		65,000.00			
17.	Land & Water Conservation Grant Const. Acct.	40,000.00		40,000.00			
18.	Preserve Town Clerk's Documents	12,000.00		12,000.00			
19.	None						
20.	Restoration/Preservation Proj. - Lake Arcadia & Metacomet	6,250.00		6,250.00			
21.	Restoration/Preservation Proj. - Lake Arcadia	3,750.00		3,750.00			
22.	Sundry Expenses, as follows: (Total)	152,725.00					
	(a) Assessors - File Cabinet				1,200.00		
	(b) Finance Committee - Office Equipment				400.00		
	(c) Planning Board - File Cabinet				175.00		
	(d) Police Dept. - Computer Equipment, Radio Equipment, Radar Equipment, Firearms				17,700.00		
	(e) Ambulance - New Truck & Chassis				52,500.00		
	(f) Dog Officer - Additional Runs				1,000.00		
	(g) School Department -						
	High School - Retile Classrooms, Boys Locker Room, Standardize Playing Fields				22,800.00		
	Cold Spring School - Half Rugs for Kindergarten				5,000.00		
	Center School - Rewire & Fix Lighting				9,900.00		
	Franklin School - Replace Rug				3,300.00		
	(h) Town Garage - Overhead doors, Hydraulic Jack Key Gas Pumps, Air Compressor, Jackhammer				16,600.00		
	(i) Veteran's Agent - Office Equipment & Furniture				350.00		
	(j) Cemetery Commissioners - Water Line - Mt. Hope				1,500.00		
	(k) Parks, Beach, Recreation - Gym Mats, Folding Chairs, Typewriter, Bleachers, Park Benches, Picnic Tables, Play Area Sites				9,300.00		
	(l) Audit of Municipal Accounts				11,000.00		

23. None

24. Itemized Budgets

(a) None			
(b) General Government	(Total)	396,363.00	
1. Moderator, Salaries			35.00
Expenses			10.00
2. Selectmen, Salaries			6,000.00
Expenses			9,300.00
3. Executive Secretary, Salary			30,890.00
Expenses			3,350.00
4. Town Accountant/Administrative Secretary, Salary			26,771.00
Wages			33,881.00
Expenses			8,900.00
5. Treasurer, Salary			11,448.00
Wages			20,237.00
Expenses			13,840.00
6. Collector, Salary			11,448.00
Wages			23,251.00
Expenses			7,835.00
7. Town Clerk, Salary			8,904.00
Wages			15,492.00
Expenses			7,811.00
8. Assessors, Salary			3,200.00
Wages			54,753.00
Expenses			28,050.00
9. Law Account, Expenses			23,600.00
10. Finance Committee, Wages			120.00
Expenses			315.00
11. Election & Registration, Salary			150.00
Wages			12,500.00
Expenses			7,775.00
12. Planning Board, Salary			10,000.00
Wages			7,107.00
Expenses			1,405.00
13. Board of Appeals, Wages			1,200.00
Expenses			600.00
14. Personnel Board, Expenses			55.00
15. Industrial Development Commission, Expenses			25.00
16. Historical Commission, Expenses			300.00
17. Conservation Commission, Wages			4,400.00
Expenses			1,380.00
18. Energy Resources Commission, Expenses			25.00

(c) Protection of Persons & Property	(Total)	575,051.00	
19. Police Department, Salary			30,890.00
Wages			302,495.00
Expenses			76,046.00
20. Ambulance, Wages			17,000.00
Expenses			3,360.00

Expenses			34,500.00
Out of State Travel			500.00
22. Burner Inspections, Wages			800.00
23. Hydrant Service, Expenses			11,500.00
24. Water Storage Holes, Expenses			2,250.00
25. Dog Officer, Salary			300.00
Wages			5,000.00
Expenses			3,650.00
26. Inspection Services, Salary			23,682.00
Wages			17,328.00
Expenses			6,160.00
27. Civil Defense, Salary			550.00
Expenses			475.00
28. Insect Pest Control, Expenses			2,750.00
29. Dutch Elm Disease, Wages			1,863.00
Expenses			708.00
30. Tree Warden, Wages			6,275.00
Expenses			3,275.00
(d) School Department	(Total)	4,513,079.00	
31. Town Schools:			
#1000 Administration			98,357.00
#2000 Instruction			2,922,594.00
#3000 Other School Services			455,294.00
#4000 Operating & Maintenance			505,936.00
#7000 Fixed Assets			67,977.00
#9000 Programs with Other Schools			225,600.00
32. Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School			
Operating & Maintenance			219,331.00
Capital			12,599.00
Substantially Separate Program			5,391.00
(e). Highway Department	(Total)	472,896.00	
33. Highways-Personnel. Salary			26,771.00
Wages			206,600.00
Expenses			3,400.00
34. Snow Removal, Expenses			60,000.00
35. Road Machinery Expenses, Expenses			61,050.00
36. Construction Materials, Expenses			21,000.00
37. Sidewalks, Expenses			7,000.00
38. Hired Services, Expenses			28,000.00
39. Street Lighting, Expenses			25,000.00
40. Professional Engineering, Expenses			7,000.00
41. Town Garage, Expenses			10,275.00
42. Sanitary Landfill, Expenses			16,800.00
(f) Health & Sanitation	(Total)	70,705.00	
43. Board of Health, Salary			1,500.00
Wages			850.00
Expenses			10,555.00

44. Sewer Commissioners, Salary			1,550.00	
Wages			3,500.00	
Expenses			52,750.00	
(g) Human Services	(Total)	119,520.00		
45. Council on Aging, Salary				39,127.00
Wages				8,502.00
Expenses				11,306.00
46. Veterans Services, Salary				3,240.00
Expenses				670.00
Veterans Benefits				25,000.00
47. Veterans Graves, Expenses				600.00
48. Cemetery Commissioners, Salary				1,650.00
Wages				11,125.00
Expenses				16,600.00
49. Mobile Home Rent Control Board, Wages				500.00
Expenses				1,200.00
(h) Culture & Recreation	(Total)	128,918.00		
50. Clapp Memorial Library, Wages			23,093.00	
Expenses			15,511.00	
51. Parks, Beach & Recreation, Salary			18,534.00	
Wages			48,848.00	
Expenses			15,432.00	
52. Old Town Hall, Expenses			7,500.00	
(i) Buildings & Grounds	(Total)	93,971.00		
53. Maintenance/Groundskeeper, Salary				20,593.00
Wages				28,393.00
Expenses				22,175.00
54. Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses				11,500.00
55. Finnerty House, Expenses				3,110.00
56. Town Common, Expenses				900.00
57. Town Clock, Wages				400.00
Expenses				100.00
58. Police Station, Expenses				6,800.00
(j) Pensions & Insurance	(Total)	503,404.00		
59. Insurance, Expenses			162,799.00	
60. Unemployment Compensation, Expenses			5,000.00	
61. Health Insurance, Expenses			196,000.00	
62. Group Life Insurance, Expenses			4,500.00	
63. Pensions, Expenses			135,105.00	
(k) Unclassified	(Total)	24,400.00		
64. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses				350.00
65. Printing Town Report, Expenses				4,000.00

(l)	Debt Service (Total)	1,136,760.00					
	67. Interest, W.Wright Water Project		895.00				
	Bay Rd.-Rita Lane Water Project		1,350.00				
	Bay Rd. Water Project		197.00				
	Middle School Bonds		684,087.50				
	Temporary Short Term Loans		35,000.50				
	68. Maturing Debt., W. Wright Water Project			2,400.00			
	Bay Rd.-Rita Lane Project			2,500.00			
	Bay Rd. Water Project			330.00			
	Middle School Bond			153,493.40			256,506.60 (from Reserve for Debt. Account)
25.	None						
26.	Purchase Weiss Property, Maple & Springfield Road		185,000.00			185,000.00	
27-45	None						
	TOTALS	8,627,517.50	7,381,946.00	585,770.40	152,725.00	185,000.00	322,076.10

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 17, 1986
(Chestnut Hill Community School)

FY 86

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Registered voters present - 228 (Quorum required - 75)
The Chair of various town boards introduced themselves and the members of their respective boards.
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article I. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws to establish a Certificate of Good Standing policy for the granting or renewal of licenses or permits,

it was voted to take no action on this article.
(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article II. On the motion - I move the Town appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $21,767.03 to pay the following unpaid bills incurred in a prior year:

Hapco Auto Parts	$11.25
Quabibin Animal Hospital	96.00
Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers	639.18
Fontaine Bros.	19,795.00
Hope United Methodist Church	936.90
National Heating Company	238.61
Joseph F. Ford	50.09

the motion did not carry by the required 90%.
(Vote: Yes-159; No-21;Required for 9/10ths = 162)

See further action following Article V.

Article III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $7,500.00 to pay for the Town's liability for Medicare.
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell by sealed proposals the Byron Hudson house currently located at the corner of North Main Street and Cottage Street.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place:

A motion was offered to take no action - motion lost for want of a second.

An amendment failed to pass by a majority no vote which would have inserted the words "for a minimum of $40,000. .", thus reading as follows:..... to authorize the Selectmen to sell, for a minimum of $40,000., by sealed proposals, the Byron Hudson house,.....)

Article V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $25,100.00 to the following named accounts:

Fire Department - Wages	$18,000.00
Fire Department - Expenses	6,500.00
Burner Inspections - Wages	600.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

At this point in the meeting, a unanimous yes vote on a motion allowed reconsideration of Article II.

A motion to appropriate the sum of $1982.03 (which would pay all the named unpaid bills except Fontaine Bros.) failed to pass by a majority no vote.

A motion to ask that each item in Article II be considered separately, received a majority no vote.

The original motion was considered again, but did not carry by the required 90%.

Vote: Yes-170; No-29; Required for 9/10ths = 179.

Article VI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $21,500.00 to the Police Wage Account to fund the negotiated union contract for the Police Department.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article VII. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Under Section 8. Town Classification Plan under A. MANAGEMENT effective January 1, 1987

increase the salaries to read as follows:

Police Chief	$31,800.00
Highway Superintendent	27,560.00
Town Accountant	27,560.00
Building Inspector	24,380.00
Maintenance Supervisor & Craftsman	21,200.00
Executive Director - Senior Services	21,200.00
Program Director - Senior Services	19,080.00
Recreation Director	19,080.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article as finally voted was an amended motion passed by a majority yes vote. The amended motion added the words "effective January 1, 1987" to the original wording; and also increased the salary amounts) (see warrant for original figures.)

Article VIII. Voted to authorize the Belchertown School Committee to accept the Memorandum of Understanding relative to receipt of the Equal Educational Opportunity Grant, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70A and to expend any funds received under this program for direct educational services.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $4,850.00 to the following named accounts to fund the swim team program:

Parks, Beach , Recreation - Wages	$4,370.00
Parks, Beach, Recreation - Expenses	480.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article X. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land in Belchertown owned by Gerald E. Weiss of New York City, New York, or his successors, the parcel of land of 68.7 acres more or less in Belchertown recorded in Book 1620, Page 212 and in Book 1630, Page 201, bordering on Maple Street - Route 202 and Springfield Road, being shown at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 1620, Page 212 and at Book 630, Page 201.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Vote: Yes-170; No-5)

At this point in the meeting, a majority yes vote changed the order of business and Article XXI was considered.

Article XXI Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $34,498.00 as the Town's apportioned share of the FY 1987 Public Works Economic Development Grant for the Main Street Intersection Reconstruction Project.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, an amendment was proposed - reading exactly the same as originally read but adding, following Reconstruction Project, "When a final plan has been agreed on by businesses in center of Town." The vote on this amendment was majority No.)

At this point in the meeting a motion was offered to reconsider Article II. Chair ruled not to allow motion because of significant change in make-up of the meeting; viz, loss of approximately 50% of attendance following preceding article.

Article XI. On the motion - To amend the Official Zoning Map as previously amended, in the manner just described by the Moderator,

the vote was majority No. (Vote: Yes-32; No-67)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted a parcel of land from the General Residential District and included the same within the General Business District. 'Map 10A, Parcel 16A' Federal Street.) Refer to Warrant Article for complete text.

Article XII. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Offical Zoning Map as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted a parcel of land from the General Residential District and included the same within the General Business District. 'Map 10A, Parcel 16A' Federal Street.) Refer to Warrant Article for complete text.

Article XIII. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete from the Agricultural District the following described land and include the same within the General Residential District:

Beginning at an iron pin set on the westerly sideline of Hamilton Street, said iron pin marking the northeasterly corner of the parcel herein described, thence running N. 62 degrees 42'00" W., twenty-one and 68/100 (21.68) feet along land of the Town of Belchertown to a point: thence turning and running S. 77 degrees 51'00" W., two hundred ten and 51/100 (210.51) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running N. 76 degrees 36' 50" W., eighty nine and 03/100 (89.03) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running N. 86 degrees 51' 50" W., fifty and 00/100 (50.00) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running S. 18 degrees 44' 15" W., two hundred seventy-five and 67/100 (275.67) feet along land now or formerly owned by Walter J. Henry, Jr. and Lyle G. Hislop to a point; thence turning and running S. 06 degrees 36'50 " W., one hundred thirty and 00/100 (130.00) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running N. 88 degrees 41'45" E., three hundred ten and 00/100 (310.00) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running four hundred forty-two and 00/100 (442.00) feet in a northerly direction along the westerly sideline of Hamilton Street to a point, the point of beginning.

Containing 129,410 square feet according to said description, and as referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lots 55A, 55B, and 55C, Map 9, revised to January 1, 1986
AND

Beginning at an iron pin set on the westerly sideline of Hamilton Street, said iron pin marking the northeasterly corner of the parcel herein described, thence running S. 88 degrees 41'45" W., two hundred ninety and 00/100 (290.00) feet along land now or formerly owned by Walter J. Henry, Jr. and Lyle G. Hislop to a point; thence turning and running S. 11 degrees 08'50" W., one hundred sixty-five and 00/100 (165.00) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running S. 00 degrees 20'00" W., two hundred eighty and 00/100 (280.00) feet along last-named land to a point; thence turning and running N.85 degrees 28'00" W., three hundred twenty-one and 00/100 (321.00) feet along land now or formerly owned by Arthur R. Lemire to a point; thence turning and running four hundred thirty-one and 33/100 (431.33) feet in a northerly direction along the westerly sideline of Hamilton Street to a point, the point of beginning.

Containing 129,150 square feet according to said description, and as referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lots 55D, 55E, and 55F, Map 9, revised to January 1, 1986.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Vote : YES-79; No-2; Required for 2/3's = 54)

Article XIV. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted a parcel of land from the General Residential District and included the same within the General Business District. 'Map 10A, Parcel 20' Federal Street.) Refer to Warrant Article for complete text.

Article XV. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted a parcel of land from the General Residential District and included the same within the General Business District.
'Map 10A, Parcel 17' Federal Street.) Refer to Warrant Article for complete text.

Article XVI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Amend 2.a.2.(h) under Section IV.AB. Mobile Home Park Residential District to the following:

2.a.2. (h) (1). Primary entrance roads shall (1) intersect only with a Major Collector or greater one as classified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, and (2) be not less than 200 feet from the nearest intersection.

2.a.2. (h) (2). A secondary entrance onto a local access road or minor collector will be allowed if (1) there is an existing entrance road on a Major Collector or greater one, and (2) the secondary entrance is not less than 200 feet from the nearest intersection.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XVII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Include under the following sections: Section IV., B.2. Agricultural, C.2. Business, E.2. Industrial Districts, the following:

Private or public communications facility, such as: Radio or television station or broadcasting facility, transformer station or similar telecommunications facilities.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(This article as finally voted was an amended motion passed by a majority yes vote that deleted the words "General Residential" from the original article. See original Warrant Article for complete text.)

Article XVIII. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete V.f. in its entirety and add Section V.B.:

B. Corner Lots

a. All corner lots shown on plans of land (Chapter 41, Section 81-P, 81-S and 81-T) shall be required to have a curb radius as established in the Belchertown Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Section 6.01 (5.b.).

b. All corner lots shall have the minimum frontage requirement. Frontage measurements shall be made by:

Extending the property line of the corner lot and extending the property line of the existing or proposed right of way until the two lines intersect. Frontage shall be measured uninterrupted along the street right-of-way line on which the lot abuts to the point of intersection of the two (2) extended property lines. (See Illustrative Example)

c. Extension of said property lines is for administration purposes only and does not constitute a rescinding of the curb requirements as established in the Belchertown Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Section 6.01 (5.b.).

d. All corner lots shown on plans of land shall be accompanied by a deed, to the owner of said lot, describing the area nesessary to complete the lineal frontage line.

(Vote - Unanimous)

Article XIX. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Amend the definition of "frontage" in Section II. Definitions:

Frontage: The linear extent of a lot measured along the street right-of-way from the intersection of one side lot line to the intersection of the other side of the same lot, or as described in Section V. Intensity Regulations, B.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article XX. Voted to amend its By-Laws by the adoption of the following By-Law:

Section 1. This By-Law shall be known and may be cited as the "Driveway Construction and Driveway Apron Requirements."

Section 2. REQUIREMENTS/PROCEDURES

1.0 General

A. The entire area of the driveway approach within the Town Way is subject to the placement of bituminous concrete pavement as specified by this By-Law.

B. The holder of this permit shall provide all tools, construction equipment, consumable construction materials, and services necessary for the performance of all operations required to accomplish the specified activities.

C. Driveway aprons are not required on existing Town ways that are dirt or gravel roads.

D. The driveway shall not extend onto the traveled way nor the existing gutter line disturbed.

E. If a ditch exists within the area of the driveway approach, a drainage pipe may be required; the size of the pipe will be a minimun of 12". All pipes will be kept clean by the homeowners and have headwalls.

2.0 MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION

A. Gravel Base - bank run gravel, free of frost, rubbish, and organic materials.

B. Bituminous Concrete - Class I. "Binder and "Dense" mix laid in two layers.

3.0 GRADING

A. The area of the driveway approach shall be excavated to a minimum depth of 12". The existing subgrade shall be smoothed, shaped and graded as indicated on the drawing contained herein and/or as directed by the Highway Superintendent. The gravel base material shall be compacted by at least four passes of either a power roller or by pneumatic tire type roller.

4.0 PLACEMENT OF PAVEMENT

A. Bituminous concrete mixture shall be placed over the gravel base in two layers. The bottom layer shall consist of Class I "Binder" mix with a minimum 1-1/4" compacted thickness. The top layer shall consist of Class I "Dense mix with a minimum 1-1/4" compacted thickness.

B. The mixtures shall have minimum temperature of 250 degrees F. at the time of placement.

C. The mixture shall be placed only when the air temperature is above 40 degrees F. and the gravel base is dry and adequately compacted.

D. The mixtures shall be spread by mechanical equipment in strips not less than 8' wide, unless otherwise accepted by the Highway Superintendent.

E. Areas which are inaccessible by mechanical equipment may be spread by hand.

5.0 COMPACTION OF PAVEMENT

A. Compacting the mixture shall be started as soon as it will bear the weight of the roller without excessive displacement.

B. The mixture shall be compacted with a self-propelled roller wherever possible. Inaccessible areas may be compacted with hand-tampers or vibrating-plate compactors.

6.0 MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

A. On conclusion of the paving operations, the surfaces adjacent to permanent edges shall be dressed by grading and smoothing the earth surfaces to match the edge of the newly laid pavement.

B. Pavement shall be protected from vehicular traffic until the mixture has cooled and hardened.

C. All equipment and excess waste materials shall be removed from the job site immediately upon completion of the work.

7.0 SCHEDULE

A. The grantee shall notify the Highway Department as far in advance as possible so that an inspection can be made during the construction process, The telephone number is 323-7751.

B. A copy of the approved driveway permit shall be presented to the Inspector of Buildings at the time of application for a building permit.

8.0 TYPICAL DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Vote: Yes-64; No-6)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a motion to take no action failed to pass by a majority no vote.)

See Article 21 after Article 10

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Attest:
George R. Bach
Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION MAY 19,1986 * Denotes Elected

OFFICE	NAME	PREC. A	PREC. B	TOTALS
Moderator	*Joseph R. White	1,086	127	1,213
1 year	Blanks	347	38	385
		1,433	165	1,598
Town Clerk	*George R. Bach	1224	135	1359
1 year	Blanks	209	30	239
		1433	165	1598
Selectmen	*Bernard R. Kubiak	672	89	761
3 years	*Herbert E. Squires	899	104	1003
	Pauline C. Johnson	634	69	703
	Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	235	17	252
	Blanks	426	51	477
		2866	330	3196
Tax & Town Collector	*George R. Bach	1234	140	1374
3 years	Blanks	199	25	224
		1433	165	1598
School Committee	W. Daniel Fizpatrick	1057	121	1178
3 years	Blanks	376	44	420
		1433	165	1598
Planning Board	Ralph Pittsley	545	62	607
5 years	*Ellen J. Wenner	606	75	681
	Blanks	282	28	310
		1433	165	1598
Planning Board	Roger W. Bacon	521	34	555
3 years	*Carmine L. Angeloni	627	111	738
	Blanks	285	20	305
		1433	165	1598
Cemetery Commissioner	*David G. Hodgen	1117	130	1247
3 years	Blanks	316	35	351
		1433	165	1598
Board of Assessors	*Roy A. Voci	1050	122	1172
3 years	Blanks	383	43	426
		1433	165	1598
Housing Authority	*William C. Carmody	1041	122	1163
5 years	Blanks	392	43	435
		1433	165	1598
Sewer Commissioner	*Alfred P. Atwood	1127	126	1253
3 years	Blanks	306	39	345
		1433	165	1598
Board of Health	*Linda H. Snow	1076	124	1200
3 years	Blanks	357	41	398
		1433	165	1598
Votes cast on May 19, 1986		1433	165	1598
			(38% voted)	

Registered voters at Belchertown	Republican	594	42	636
	Democrat	1141	167	1308
	Independent	2014	275	2289
		3749	484	4233

Attest:
George R. Bach
Town Clerk

State Primary September 16, 1986 DEMOCRAT

Name	Office		Prec. A	Prec.B	Totals
Michael S. Dukakis	Governor		361	47	408
James G. Collins (Write-In)	(Vote for One)		39	3	42
		Blanks	160	13	173
		Total	560	63	623
Gerard D'Amico	Lietenant		160	19	179
Evelyn F Murphy	Governor		351	40	391
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	49	4	53
		Total	560	63	623
James M. Shannon	Attorney General		251	39	290
JoAnn Shotwell	(Vote for One)		236	22	258
		Blanks	73	2	75
		Total	560	63	623
Michael Joseph Connolly	Secretary of State		408	54	462
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	152	9	161
		Total	560	63	623
Robert Q. Crane	Treasurer		393	52	445
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	167	11	178
		Total	560	63	623
A. Joseph DeNucci	Auditor		178	34	212
Maura A. Hennigan	(Vote for One)		209	21	230
Charles Calvin Yancey		Blanks	110	3	113
		Totals	560	63	623
Robert S. Weiner	Representative in		400	52	452
Silvio O. Conte (Write-in)	Congress		3	0	3
	(Frist District)	Blanks	157	11	168
	(Vote for One)	Total	560	63	623
Thomas P. Hamilton	Councillor		78	12	90
Les Harvey	(Seventh District)		74	7	81
James D. O'Brien, Jr.	(Vote for One)		182	27	209
		Blanks	226	17	243
		Total	560	63	623
Robert D. Wetmore	Senator in General Court		403	55	458
	(Worcester, Franklin	Blanks	157	8	165
	Hampden, Hampshire Dist.)	Total	560	63	623
	(Vote for One)				
James G. Collins	Representative in		96	18	114
Robie Hubley	General Court		159	13	172
Stanley C. Rosenberg	(3rd. Hampshire Dist.)		272	28	300
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	33	4	37
		Total	560	63	623
W. Michael Ryan	District Attorney		400	53	453
	(Northwestern Dist.)	Blanks	160	10	170
	(Vote for One)	Total	560	63	623
Robert J. Garvey	Sheriff		415	53	468
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	145	10	155
	(Vote for One)	Total	560	63	623
Patrick M. Goggins	County Commissioner		231	35	266
Suzanne E. Sickler	(Hampshire County)		215	20	235
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	114	8	122
		Total	560	63	623

Registered Democrats	Precinct A	1049	Voted 09/16/86	560	(Prec. A)
	Precinct B	160	Voted 09/16/86	63	(Prec. B)
		1209		623	

State Primary September 16, 1986 REPUBLICAN

Name	Office		Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Gregory S. Hyatt	Governor		24	1	25
Royall H. Switzler	(Vote for One)		21	3	24
George Keriotis (Write In)			6	0	6
James G. Collins (Write -In)			3	0	3
		Blanks	20	2	22
		Total	74	6	80
Nicholas M. Nikitas	Lieutenant Governor		57	4	61
Nicholas Nikitas (Write-In)	(Vote for One)		1	0	1
		Blanks	16	2	18
		Total	74	6	80
Edward F. Harrington	Attorney General		59	4	63
Edwars Harrington (Write-In)	(Vote for One)		1	0	1
		Blanks	14	2	16
		Total	74	6	80
Deborah R. Cochran	Secretary of State		56	2	58
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	18	4	22
		Total	74	6	80
L.Joyce Hampers	Treasurer		57	2	59
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	17	4	21
		Total	74	6	80
Andrew S. Natsios	Auditor		26	2	28
William "Bill" Robinson	(Vote for One)		32	1	33
William Robinson (Write-In)			1	0	1
		Blanks	15	3	18
		Total	74	6	80
Silvio O. Conte	Representative in		66	5	71
Silvio Conte (Write-In)	Congress		1	0	1
	(First District)	Blanks	7	1	8
	(Vote for One)	Total	74	6	80
No candidate	Councillor				
	(Seventh Dist.)	Blanks	74	6	80
	(Vote for One)	Total	74	6	80
No Candidate	Senator in General Court				
	(Worcester, Franklin,	Blanks	74	6	80
	Hampden, Hampshire Dist.)	Total	74	6	80
	(Vote for One)				
Brian D. McCullough	Representative in		59	3	62
Brian McCullough (Write-In)	General court		1	0	1
	(3rd Hampshire Dist.)	Blanks	14	3	17
	(Vote for One)	Total	74	6	80
No Candidate	District Attorney				
	(Northwestern Dist.)	Blanks	74	6	80
	(Vote for One)	Total	74	6	80
No Candidate	Sheriff				

	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	74	6
	(Vote for One)	Total	74	6
No Candidate	County Commissioner			
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	74	6
	(Vote for One)	Total	74	6

Registered Republicans	Prec. A	554	Voted	09/16/86	74	(Prec. A)
	Prec. B	40	Voted	09/16/86	6	(Prec. B)
		594			80	

Registered Voters in Belchertown

	Prec. A	Prec B	Total
Democrat	1049	160	1209
Republican	554	40	594
Independent	1894	268	2162
	3497	468	3965

Total Voting	09/16/86
Prec. A	634.
Prec. B	69
	703. = 18%

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

State Election - November 4, 1986

Polls opened in both Precincts (A & B) at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Office Name		Prec. A	Prec.B.	Total
Govenor-Lieutenant Governor				
(Vote for One)				
Dukakis and Murphy	Democratic	1431	173	1604
Kariotis and Mikitas	Republican	538	57	595
	Blanks	131	15	146
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Attorney General				
(Vote for One)				
Edward F. Harrington	Republican	738	77	815
James M. Shannon	Democratic	1129	145	1274
	Blanks	233	23	256
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Secretary of State				
(Vote for One)				
Michael Joseph Connolly	Democratic	1302	174	1476
Deborah R. Cochran	Republican	594	46	640
	Blanks	204	25	229
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Treasurer				
(Vote for One)				
Robert Q. Crane	Democratic	1203	154	1357
L. Joyce Hampers	Republican	724	71	795
	Blanks	173	20	193
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Auditor				
(Vote for One)				
A. Joseph DeNucci	Democratic	1149	150	1299
William "Bill" Robinson	Republican	682	63	745
	Blanks	269	32	301
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Representative in Congress (1st District)				
(Vote for One)				
Silvio O. Conte	Republican	1390	149	1539
Robert S. Weiner	Democratic	594	82	676
	Blanks	116	14	130
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Councillor (7th District)				
(Vote for One)				
James D. O'Brien, Jr.	Democratic	1571	185	1756
	Blanks	529	60	589
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Senator in General Court (Worcester-Franklin-Hampden-Hampshire Dist.)				
(Vote for One)				
Robert D. Wetmore	Democratic	1648	198	1846
	Blanks	452	47	499
	Totals	2100	245	2345

Representative in General Court
(Third Hampshire District)
(Vote for One)

Brian D. McCullough	Republican		710	79	789
Stanley C. Rosenberg	Democratic		1180	127	1307
		Blanks	210	39	249
		Totals	2100	245	2345

District Attorney (Northwestern District)
(Vote for One)

W. Michael Ryan	Democratic		1591	189	1780
		Blanks	509	56	565
		Totals	2100	245	2345

Sheriff (Hampshire County)
(Vote for One)

Robert J. Garvey	Democratic		1620	193	1813
		Blanks	480	52	532
		Totals	2100	245	2345

County Commissioner (Hampshire County)
(Vote for One)

Patrick M. Goggins	Democratic		1567	184	1751
		Blanks	533	61	594
		Totals	2100	245	2345

Hampshire County Charter Commissioner (At Large)
(Vote for not more than Five)

John S. Mieczkowski		964	117	1081
Kenneth R. Mosakowski		972	102	1074
Anthony J. Thomas, Jr.		893	98	991
Joanne Newman (Write-in)		43	5	48
	Blanks	7628	903	8531
	Totals	10500	1225	11725

Hampshire County Charter Commissioner
(Tenth District)
(Vote for One)

Stanley J. Pajak		1376	171	1547
	Blanks	724	74	798
	Totals	2100	245	2345

Question A (Create charter study commission?)	Yes	973	102	1075
	No	589	85	674
	Blanks	538	58	596
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #1 (Amend Constitution?) (State funded abortions)	Yes	709	113	822
	No	1286	121	1407
	Blanks	105	11	116
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #2 (Amend Constitution?) (Public funds for private schools?)	Yes	478	70	548
	No	1504	155	1659
	Blanks	118	20	138
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #3 (Law proposed by initiative petition?) (Limited Taxation)	Yes	911	112	1023
	No	988	112	1100
	Blanks	201	21	222
	Totals	2100	245	2345

Question #4 (Law proposed by initiative petition?) (DEQE to clean up waste sites within a specified time limit?)	Yes	1456	162	1618
	No	495	66	561
	Blanks	149	17	166
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #5 (Referendum on an Existing Law?) (Seat Belts?)	Yes	1141	113	1254
	No	857	119	976
	Blanks	102	13	115
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #6 (Law proposed by initiative petition?) (Voter registration by mail?)	Yes	853	92	945
	No	1068	135	1203
	Blanks	179	18	197
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #7 (Non-Binding) (Mass. urge Congress to enact national health program?)	Yes	1427	164	1591
	No	523	66	589
	Blanks	150	15	165
	Totals	2100	245	2345
Question #8 (Non-Binding) (Mass. urge U.S. President & Congress to enact national acid rain control program?)	Yes	1616	194	1810
	No	276	32	308
	Blanks	208	19	227
	Totals	2100	245	2345

Number of ballots cast November 4, 1986 -	Precinct A	2100	
	Precinct B.	245	
	Town Total	2345	(56% voted)

Registered voters as of November 4, 1986:

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	1204	164	1368
Republican	565	40	605
Independent	1919	273	2192
	3688	477	4165

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

HERBERT E. SQUIRES
KENNETH W. RHODES
JoANNE NEWMAN

JURORS LIST

1985 - 198

Adzima, Paul J.	211 Ludlow Rd.	Jan. 21, 1986	Traverse Jur
Austin, Lillian	81 Shea Avenue	Jan. 21, 1986	Traverse Jur
Bryant, Josephine K	41 Depot St.	Jan. 21, 1986	Traverse Jur
Davis, Deborah J.	293 Federal St.	Jan. 21, 1986	Traverse Jur
Kloss, Daniel P.	130 Old Enfield Rd.	Jan. 21, 1986	Traverse Jur
Callaham, Dale A.	621 Munsell Road	March 3, 1986	Traverse Jur
Carson, Doris A.	281 C. Walker St.	March 3, 1986	Traverse Jur
Dias, Armenio G.	205 Boardman Rd.	March 3, 1986	Traverse Jur
Dudek, Betty L.	726 Franklin St.	March 3, 1986	Traverse Jur
Perry, Lawrence, Jr.	51 Chadbourne Rd.	March 3, 1986	Traverse Jur
Beaudoin, Claude R.	693 Gulf Rd.	March 31, 1986	Traverse Jur
Brown, David P.	384 Old Enfield Rd.	March 31, 1986	Traverse Jur
Hogan, Jonathan J.	69 Jackson St.	March 31, 1986	Traverse Jur
McGrath, Joseph S. III	53 Main St.	March 31, 1986	Traverse Jur
O'Hearn, Melanie	148 Metacomet St.	March 31, 1986	Traverse Jur
Austin, Mary Alice R.	81 Shea Avenue	April 22, 1986	Traverse Jur
Barrett, David E.	97 Federal St.	April 22, 1986	Traverse Jur
Beaubien, Nelson L.	274 Old Enfield Rd.	April 22, 1986	Traverse Jur
Bousquet, Rene T.	377 Meadowview Drive	April 22, 1986	Traverse Jur
Rule, Robert A.	184 Bay Road	April 22, 1986	Traverse Jur
Brandt, Jon Randolph	652 Bay Road	May 27, 1986	Traverse Jur
Brown, Donna Lea	451 N. Washington St.	May 27, 1986	Traverse Jur
Chapple, John Hunt	24 Fuller St.	May 27, 1986	Traverse Jur
Kaplan, Donna	7 Main St.	May 27, 1986	Traverse Jur
Metcalf, Dorothy	281 C. Walker St.	May 27, 1986	Traverse Jur
Zatryka, Herman	281 C. Walker St.	May 27, 1986	Traverse Jur
Bohacs, John M.	4 Brandywine Drive	June 30, 1986	Traverse Ju
Patridge, David A.	53 Old Bay Rd.	June 30, 1986	Traverse Ju
Smith, George A., Jr.	505 N. Washington St.	June 30, 1986	Traverse Ju
Brunelle, John P.	686 George Hannum Rd.	July 28, 1986	Traverse Ju
Campbell, David A,	402 Allen Rd.	July 28, 1986	Traverse Ju
Milewski, Branda	10 N. Washington St.	July 28, 1986	Traverse Ju
Rokas, James C.	1300 Federal St.	July 28, 1986	Traverse Ju
Topolski, Donald Theodore	26 North St.	July 28, 1986	Traverse Ju
Beaupre, Harvey J., Jr.	15 Brandywine Drive	Sept. 2, 1986	Traverse Ju
Bisnette, Regina	281 C. Walker St.	Sept. 2, 1986	Traverse Ju
Czupkiewicz, Edward F.	91 Jensen Rd.	Sept. 2, 1986	Traverse Ju
Kopacz, Sandra	184 Railroad St.	Sept. 2, 1986	Traverse Ju
Shea, John E.	95 Old Enfield Rd.	Sept. 2, 1986	Traverse Ju
Batchelder, Stephan	134 Rockrimmon Rd.	Sept. 29, 1986	Traverse Ju
Donovan, Robert J. Jr	50 N. Washington St.	Sept. 29, 1986	Traverse Ju
Haines, David M.	141 Old Enfield Rd.	Sept. 29, 1986	Traverse Ju
Lachance, Donna J.	37 Maplecrest Drive	Sept. 29, 1986	Traverse Ju
Welch, Joseph F.	78 Federal St.	Sept. 29, 1986	Traverse Ju
Brown, Heather A.	677 Bay Rd.	Oct. 27, 1986	Traverse Ju
Hume, Everett	35 Maplecrest Drive	Oct. 27, 1986	Traverse Ju
Lavoie, Diane	383 Mill Valley Rd.	Oct. 27, 1986	Traverse Ju
Nicoliello, Leon	73 Rural Rd.	Oct. 27, 1986	Traverse Ju
Seamon, Christine A.	120 N. Main St.	Oct. 27, 1986	Traverse Ju

(LEFT TO RIGHT)

1st ROW

1. Ken Snow
2. Elwyn Bock
3. Frank Towne
4. Don Bock
5. Don Cole
6. Roy Reece
7. Fred Waite
8. Ken Rhodes

2nd ROW

1. Dave White
2. Dan Shea
3. George Trudell
4. Ralph Trombley
5. Clifton Witt
6. Bill Squires
7. Ken Brown
8. Mr. Corrigan

3rd ROW

1. Harry Brougham
2. Sid Wheble
3. Bob Smith
4. Richard Kimball
5. Bill Kimball
6. Don Towne
7. Ray Reece
8. Leo Mitchell

4th ROW

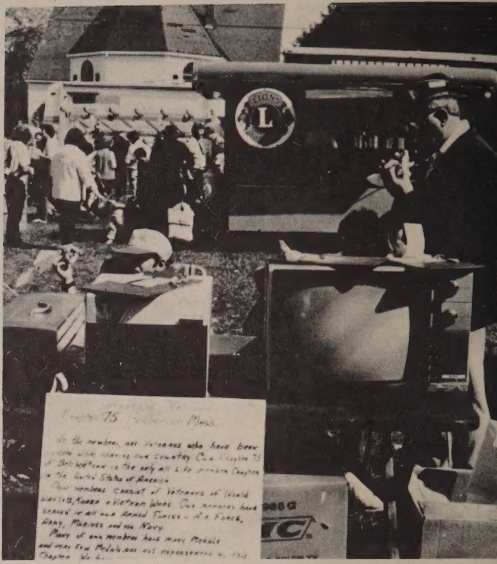
1. Dave Staples
2. Ed Gates
3. Sam Chadbourne
4. Bill McHaffie
5. Ed & Lee Wallace
6. Nelson Bullough

5th ROW

1. Albert Brown
2. Jim Conkey
3. Rod Valliere
4. Frank Nute
5. Dave Cowher
6. Dick Normand

BOTTOM CENTER

Dave Staples and
"Johnny the Barber"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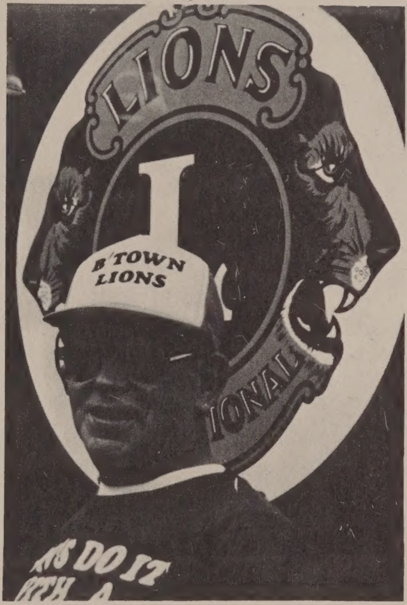
Many of our members have many Medals and very few Medals are not represented in this Chapter. We h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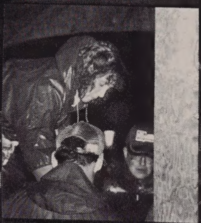

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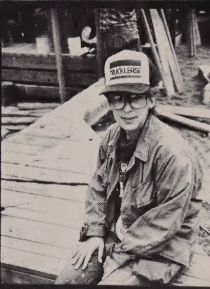
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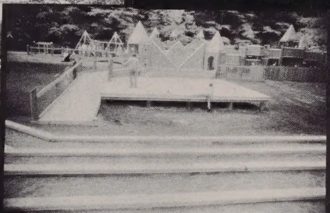
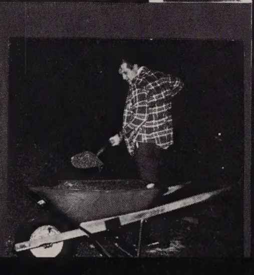
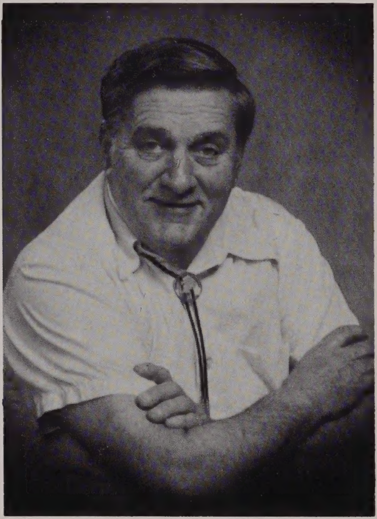




The 1987 Town Report is Dedicated to:

William H. "BILL" Squires

Bill served the Town in many capacities and was a renowned civic leader to the entire area. Bill served on the Board of Selectmen for many years, member of the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years, Master, Past Master of the Vernon Lodge of Masons, member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, served in the U. S. Navy in World War II and the Korean War. Past Deacon of the Congregational Church, owned and operated his own garage for many years and in later years became a faculty member of the Pathfinder Vocational High School. He was noted for his famous column in the Belchertown Sentinel, "The Middle Chair". Bill will be missed by all in Belchertown and was a dedicated civic citizen to the area.



Playground photos courtesy of
Carmine L. Angeloni & Jean Allison

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Joseph R. White	1988

Town Clerk

George R. Bach	1988

Board of Selectmen

Shirley R. Aldrich	1988
JoAnne L. Newman	1988
Bernard R. Kubiak	1989
Herbert E. Squires	1989
Kenneth W. Rhodes	1990

Treasurer

George R. Bach	1988

Tax & Town Collector

George R. Bach	1989

School Committee

Michael P. Forgue, Sr.	5/1987
Dorothy A. Rhodes	1988
William M. Russell	1988
Kurt W. Swanson (appt. 10/20/87)	1988
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick (resigned 8/25/87)	1989
James P. Fox	1990
Phyllis A. White (elected 5/87)	1990

Planning Board

Roger W. Bacon	5/1987
Donald S. Cole	1988
Carmine L. Angeloni	1989
James D. Hodgen (elected 5/87)	1990
Ellen J. Wenner	1991
Dominnic Colaccino (elected 5/87)	1992

Cemetery Commissioners

Paul C. Cook	1988
David G. Hodgen	1989
Floyd R. Peeso	1990

Board of Assessors

David A. Staples	1988
Roy A. Voci	1989
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	1990

Housing Authority

John W. Avery	2/3/1987
Thomas C. Kubiaki (resigned 5/17/87)	1988
Patricia A. Squires (elected 5/87)	1988
Mary S. Pratt	1989
W. Ira Shattuck	1990
William C. Carmody	1991
Antoinette M. Kubiak (appt. 4/3/87)	2/3/1992

Tree Warden

Albert W. Brown	1988

Sewer Commissioners

Brian L. Brougham	5/1987
Harry L. Brougham	1988
Alfred P. Atwood	1989
Albert F. Dewhurst (elected 5/87)	1990

Board of Health

Peter T. Lamacchia, Jr.	1988
Linda H. Snow	1989
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1990

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	1988
Sylvia C. Conkey	1989
Mary S. Pratt	1990

Almoners-Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds

Virginia M. Hislop	1988
Janet L. Wood	1988

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Member

George R. Harrell	5/1987
Michael A. Roncolato (elected 5/87)	1990

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Executive Secretary

William G. Whitlock	6/30/90

Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Green	6/30/90

Assistant Town Accountant

Katherine C. Lofland (resigned 5/87)	6/30/87
Rhonda L. Brown (appt. 6/12/87)	6/30/88

Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/88

Assistant Town Treasurer

Gloria J. Conkey	5/88

Deputy Collectors

Lisa M. Banner (office)	12/1988
Gloria J. Conkey (office)	12/1988
Carol E. Hubbard (office)	12/1988
Christine T. Jeffrey	12/1988
Reid C. Jeffery	12/1988

Town Planner

James M. Mazik

Finance Committee

George J. McQuillen, Jr. (appt. 1/16/87)	6/30/88
Gregory R. Dillard	6/30/89
Alfred J. Roccanti	6/30/89
Linda E. Barron	6/30/90
Albert D. Rolla	6/30/90

Town Counsel

Leonard Kopelman, Attorney	6/30/88

Fire Chief

Donald F. Bock	6/30/88

Forest Fire Warden

Donald F. Bock	6/30/88

Highway Superintendent

Harry A. Dodge	6/30/88

Inspector of Buildings

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/90

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Christopher Allison	6/30/88

Wiring Inspector

Edward S. Czech	6/30/88

Assistant Wiring Inspector

Charles J. Agen	6/30/88

Temporary Assistant Electrical Inspector

Joseph F. Welch (appt. 4/6/87)	6/30/87

Inspector of Plumbing

Jeffrey W. Price	6/30/88

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud	6/30/88

Assistant Dog Officer

Elaine Lydon (terminated 1/17/87)	6/30/87
Gail Gray	6/30/88
Philip Riverin (appt. 10/19/87)	6/30/88

Gas Inspector

Jeffrey W. Price	6/30/88

Veterans Services Agent

Merle R. Green	6/30/88

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	6/30/88

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/88

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/88

Veterans´ Graves Officer

David Lecours	6/30/88

Assistant Graves Officer

Melvin Terry	6/30/88

Registrars of Voters

Dorothy M. Brennen	6/30/88
Ethel H. Hawkins	6/30/89
Lillian C. Austin	6/30/90

Assistant Registrars

Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)	6/30/90
Eileen Staples (Pathfinder School)	6/30/90

Election Officers

Precinct Coordinator

William Barnett (apapt. 8/17/87)	6/30/88

Precinct A

William Barnett (Warden) (resigned 7/31/87)	6/30/88
Alice M. Burke (Clerk) (resigned 8/10/87)	6/30/88
Alice M. Burke (Warden) (appt. 8/17/87)	6/30/88
Joyce Ferguson (Clerk) (appt. 8/17/87)	6/30/88

Precinct B

Mary C. Dudek (Warden) (resigned 10/27/87)	6/30/88
Alice Alden (Clerk)	6/30/88

Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden) (appt. 7/13/87)	6/30/88

Board of Appeals

Andre Michaud	6/30/88
Thomas W. Shattuck	6/30/89
Frederick G. Bartmon	6/30/90

Associate Members Board of Appeals

Robert Condon	6/30/88
William I. Shattuck, Jr.	6/30/88
Keith W. McHaffie (appt. 8/24/87) (resigned 12/10/87)	6/30/88

Civil Defense Director

William G. Whitlock	6/30/88

Deputy Director-Civil Defense

Melvin W. Terry	6/30/88

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Louis P. Zimmerman	6/30/88

Member-Civil Defense Dept.

Roy Whidden	6/30/88

War Memorial Committee

Edward O. Lofland	6/30/88
Francis A. Dudek	6/30/89
John W. Avery	6/30/90

Weigher, Measurer & Surveyor of Commodities

Roy F. Whidden	6/30/88

Police Department
Chief

Robert A. Knight	6/30/89

Sergeant

Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/88
William C. Zobka	6/30/88
Roman R. Kucinski (provisional) (resigned 12/26/87)	6/30/88

Constable

John Milner	6/30/90
Andrew Sears	6/30/90

Patrol Officers (Full Time)

William D. Beatty, Jr.	6/30/88
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/88
John Drawec (resigned 2/24/87)	6/30/87
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/88
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/88
Alan D. Kipetz	6/30/88
Roman R. Kucinski (resigned 12/26/87)	6/30/88
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/88
William C. Zobka	6/30/88

Patrol Officers (Part Time)

David A. Conkey	6/30/88
Stephen Kozloski	6/30/88
Barbara O´Connor	6/30/87
Joseph Rebello	6/30/88
Susan O. Roundy	6/30/88
James Taylor	6/30/88
Paul Tuttle	6/30/87
Ronald Molway	6/30/88
Joseph Yale	6/30/88
Ralph J. Gould, Jr. (appt. 6/8/87)	6/30/88
Francis Fox (appt. 11/1/87)	6/30/88
Evan Golann (appt. 11/1/87)	6/30/88

Special Police Officer

Patricia W. Antonovitch	6/30/88
Andrew T. Sears (appt. 9/28/87)	6/30/88

Council on Aging

Mary E. Clauss	6/30/87
Ruby E. Martin	6/30/87
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/88
Robert D. LaMudge (deceased 1/4/87)	6/30/88
Casimir Owczarski	6/30/88
Winifred B. Shattuck	6/30/88
Charlotte Tenczar (appt. 1/20/87)	6/30/88
Katherine C. Everett	6/30/89
Louis E. Fuller	6/30/89
Gerald W. Houlihan	6/30/89
Fr. John Pickewitz	6/30/90
Carol Shay (appt. 7/28/87)	6/30/90
Carl Takvorian (appt. 7/28/87)	6/30/90
Ruthella M. Tucker	6/30/90

Police Candidate Review Committee

John W. Avery	6/30/88
Peter G. Burton	6/30/88
Frank Farrington	6/30/88

Arts Lottery Council

William S. Barron	6/30/87
James J. Gambaro	6/30/87
Berne M. Kowalski	6/30/88
Judy M. McQuillen	6/30/88
Mary Avery	6/30/90
Gloria Fox	6/30/90
Marianne T. Gambaro	6/30/90
Gail A. Taylor	6/30/90
Elizabeth Wellso	6/30/90

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee

Shirley A. Bock	6/30/88

Food Stamp Representative

Louise C. Wadsworth

Rationing Board

Richard F. Dzialo (appt. 8/24/87)	6/30/88
Patricia J. Mitchell (appt. 8/24/87)	6/30/90

Conservation Commission

Louis B. LaFramboise	6/30/87
Wesley R. Autio (resigned 12/3/87)	6/30/88
Hubert Greene	6/30/88
David M. Haines (appt. 11/16/87)	6/30/88
Mark Lindhult	6/30/88
Jennie T. Greene	6/30/89
Alice L. Kuc	6/30/89
Barbara Pasternak (appt. 9/21/87)	6/30/90
Kathryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/90

Advisory Committee Holyoke Range

Walter P. Coombs	6/30/88
Kathryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/88

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission

James M. Mazik (Representative)

P.V.T.A. (Selectmen's Representative)

Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/88

Representative to Board of Directors of Hampshire Community Action Commission

Paul D. Kuc

Historical Commission

Carl J. Peterson	6/30/87
Shirley A. Bock	6/30/88
Paul R. Lussier	6/30/88
Suzanne Bay (resigned 11/26/87)	6/30/89
Doris M. Dickinson (appt. 12/21/87)	6/30/90
R. Lee Forsythe	6/30/90

Board Of Health Appointments

Clerk of Infectious Diseases

Charlotte P. Ketchen	6/30/88

Inspector of Animals

Stanley M. Antonovitch	6/30/88

Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Josepeh Leistyna, M.D.	6/30/88

Advisor To Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	6/30/88

Health Agent Quabbin Health District

David Zarozinski

Crossing Guards-School Traffic

Gail S. Malone	6/30/87
A. Preston Atwood (sub.)	6/30/87
Roland Hutchinson (sub.)	6/30/87
Holly Rainaud (sub.)	6/30/87
Melvin Terry (sub.)	6/30/87
Donna Kaplan (sub.)	6/30/87
Lillian C. Austin	6/30/88
Charles Howard	6/30/88
Hector Tetrault	6/30/88
Ingrid Czech	6/30/88
Andrew T. Sears, Jr.	6/30/88
Jane L. Hamel (sub.)	6/30/88
Albert Dewhurst (appt. 9/15/87) (sub.)	6/30/88

Crossing Guards-Center School Only

Mary W. Baltren	6/30/88
Paul R. Kucinski	6/30/88
Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/88
Cynthia N. White	6/30/88

All Other Specials

Ralph Goodreau (SRS Club)	6/30/87
John Pisarski (SRS Club)	6/30/87
A. Preston Atwood	6/30/88
Edward Czech	6/30/88

Energy Resources Commission

Virginia C. Ayers	6/30/87

School Building Committee

Patrica H. Burton	Final Report
Sharon L. Chapman	"
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	"
Michael P. Forgue	"
George B. Jackson	"
Susan J. Martens	"
Robert T. Martens	"
Donald F. Moran	"
Casimir Owczarski	"
David A. Staples	"

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Paul C. Cook	6/30/88
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/88
Edward H. Gates	6/30/88
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/88
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/88
Roy A. Voci	6/30/88

Rent Control Board

Wilhelmina M. Eaton (resigned 4/10/87)	6/30/87
Kenneth W. Thayer	6/30/88
John D. Burns	6/30/89
William Barnett	6/30/90
Edward H. Gates	6/30/91
Janet A. DaSilva (appt. 4/27/87)	6/30/92
John J. Green, Jr., Esq. (Special Council to Board)	

Controlled Growth Committee

Margot Moran	Final Report
Eric Walgren	"
Gary Moore	"
Elizabeth Coxon	"
Deborah J. Bedore	"

Recycling Committee
(Appt. 10/5/87)

Dale Callaham	6/30/88
William Pula	6/30/89
JoAnne Smith	6/30/89
Leo Ablicki	6/30/90
Eric Weiss	6/30/90

Parade Committee
(Appt. 7/1/87)

Frank Wenzel	6/30/88
Charles Denesha	6/30/88
Kevin Brown	6/30/88

Colonel-In Charge of Horse Drawing
(1987 Fair)

William J. Austin (appt. 8/24/87)	6/30/88

Belchertown Fair Committee
(Appt. 8/31/87)

Melvin Terry	6/30/88
Gail Hermosillo	6/30/88
William Whitlock	6/30/88
Herbert Squires	6/30/88

Belchertown Housing Partnership Committee
(Appt. 7/13/87)

Bernard Kubiak	6/30/88
Kathy Ruhf	6/30/88
Antoinette Kubiak	6/30/88
Janet Wood	6/30/88
Neil McCann (resigned 8/87)	6/30/88
Parker Ketchen	6/30/88
Richard Davitt	6/30/88
James M. Mazik	6/30/88
Martha Barrett (appt. 8/24/87)	6/30/88

Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee
(Appt. 9/22/87)

Eric Weiss
William Whitlock
James M. Mazik

Public Weighers

Joseph W. Tolpa	6/30/88
Joseph Tolpa, Sr.	6/30/88

Personnel Board

JoAnne M. Gavin	6/30/88
Joseph D. Guercio	6/30/89
George D. Greule	6/30/90

Recreation Director

Arthur E. Knapp, Jr.

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

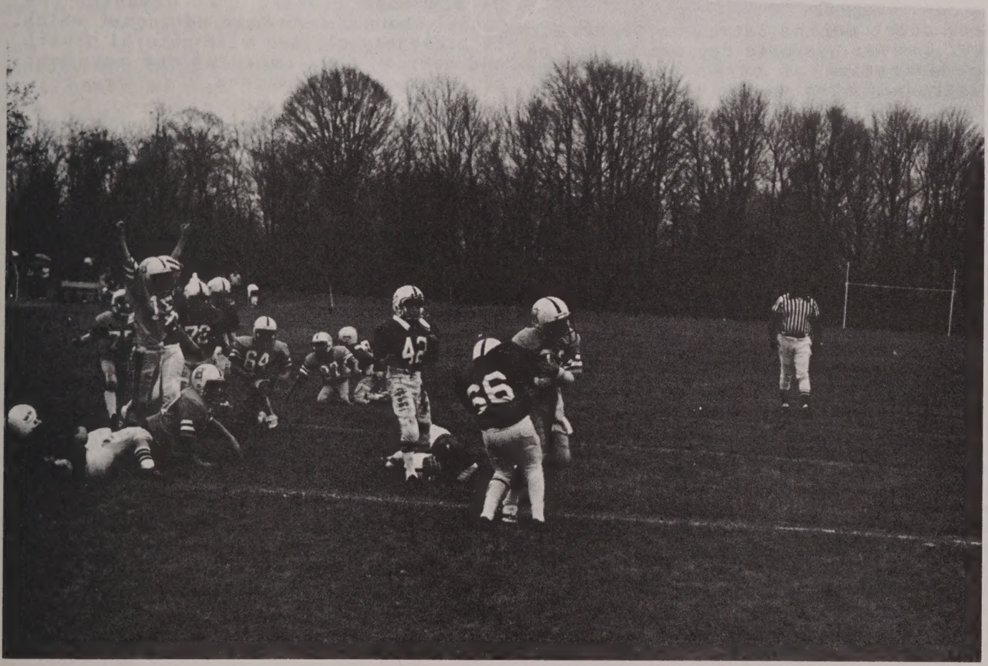
Patrica H. Burton	6/30/88
Richard A. Thibodeau (resigned 9/29/87)	6/30/88
David J. Woodcock (appt. 11/2/87)	6/30/88
Chris Daley	6/30/89
Sylvia C. Conkey	6/30/90
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/90

Agricultural Land Preservation and Revitalization Program Advisory Committee

Thomas Shattuck	Final Report
Ira Shattuck	"
Saki Santorelli	"
Louis Siano	"
Ray Campbell	"
Mark Lindhult	"
Judy Gillan	"
John Marshall	"
Flora Marshall	"
Janet Minney	"
Judy Shattuck	"
Daniel Fitzpatrick	"
Donald Cole	"
Alice Kuc	"
Kathy Ruhf	"
David Staples	"
Frank Wenzel	"

Lawrence Memorial Building Committee

William G. Whitlock	Final Report
Kenneth W. Rhodes	"
Douglas K. Magee	"
Robert A. Dewhurst	"
David P. Brown	"



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 1987 was a year of contrast, from bitter division to sweet harmony. The proposal by the Central Vermont Railway to build an auto transfer facility on its property on North Liberty Street probably created more controversey than this town has ever seen before. The pros and cons of this proposal were hotly debated on our Board, on our streets, in our schools, in our newspapers, and in our families. Never before had any single issue so polarized our community. The Special Town Meeting called to decide this issue on June 1st at the High School had to be cancelled due to an unexpectedly large turn-out of an estimated 2500 voters and resulting in lack of space. A re-scheduled Town Meeting on June 20th was held under an immense tent, donated by local businessman George Jackson, on the grounds of the Chestnut Hill Community School. By a vote of 1,027 against and 841 in favor, the CVR proposal was rejected by the largest Town Meeting ever held in Belchertown. We owe a great deal of thanks to our Executive Secretary, the Highway, Maintenance, Police and Fire Departments, as well as the Town Clerk, the Town Moderator, and everyone else who worked so hard to make that historic meeting run so smoothly.

Three short months later, on September 20th, another historic day was marked by the dedication of our new Community Playground, also on the grounds of the Chestnut Hill Community School. Led by Gloria Fox and her tireless committees, thousands of dollars were raised and materials donated. For nearly a week, hundreds upon hundreds of volunteers - men, women and children - worked side by side through the hot sun, the pouring rain, from early morning to well into the night, to complete this wonderful project on schedule. It stands today as a fine example of the good things we can accomplish when we work together in harmony, neighbor helping neighbor.

WATER...SEWER...WASTE...These three items are a great concern to this Board as they should be to every citizen in town. Groundwater is one of our most precious resources and we should do everything we can to protect it from contamination. An article to include an area of the Jabish Brook Watershed between the central and southern primary aquifer recharge areas was defeated at the Annual Town Meeting due in part to the high emotions connected with the Railroad issue. A subsequent study, commissioned by the Bondsville Water District, determined that this area is, indeed, of great importance to the water quality at the Bondsville wells downstream from the site and should definitely be protected. I hope that the next time this issue is brought before the voters, cooler heads will prevail and the article will pass.

The Daigle well in the North part of town should be brought on line and piped into the water system. This new source of water would greatly increase the capacity of the Water Department to meet the growing needs of the people, particularly those in the Lakes region of town. Working with the Town of Amherst and Huntley Associates, we are proceeding to identify those parcels of land vital to the protection of the Daigle well field and the Amherst well field located off Warren Wright Road.

A Septic System Management Study is being done in the Lakes area and when an appropriate chemical to control the weed growth in the lakes is approved by the EPA, and when the above mentioned study is completed, we will be able to proceed with Phase 3 of the Clean Lakes Program. We are also looking into cleaning the outlet channel from Lake Metacomet which is presently clogged with natural growth and debris, thus impeding the movement of water out of the lake.

Sooner or later, sewer lines will have to be extended into the Lakes area, but before that can happen, we must first secure funding for the final construction and maintenance of the George Hannum Interceptor. Then, like it or not, we must seriously address the issue of taking over the State School sewer treatment plant. If it is upgraded by the addition of another clarifier and an effective tertiary system is installed to remove the phosphorus and nitrogen from the final product before it is discharged into Lampson Brook, and then, when it meets all State and Federal EPA requirements, we should, indeed, take over the control of this facility.

Solid Waste has become a critical problem locally, statewide, and nationally. At the local level, by vote of the ATM in May, a standing Recycling Committee was established. This Committee, working with our Executive

Secretary, has begun implementation of a realistic and aggressive program which will extend the life of our present landfill for many years. Unfortunately, our Board found it necessary to once again increase the price of landfill stickers this year in order to recoup a greater amount of the actual operating expense associated with this facility. Also, by vote of the ATM, a Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee was created to investigate possible long-range solutions to the solid waste dilemma with other communities in Hampshire County. The ongoing work of both of these committees is vital to our own best interest and deserves our whole-hearted support.

Another Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held in September. Regrettably, many people had to be turned away due to the fact that there was greater participation than had been anticipated. Hopefully, this necessary and worthwhile event can be expanded this year to accommodate all who wish to take part.

Progress, slowly but surely, has been made in a number of other areas this past year, some of which I should like to mention. The taking by eminent domain of the "Piper Farm" has been accomplished and we will soon name a "use committee" to inventory the property and make recommendations. The first phase of the Lawrence Memorial Hall renovation has nearly been completed by our own Maintenance Department and we will soon be putting the rest of the work out to bid. The contract for the Main Street intersection has been awarded and work on that project should begin on or about April 1st. We have received a grant to study the feasibility of consolidating a number of our departments into one Public Works Department. Cable TV is a reality in the most populated areas of town. We are working with the Town of Palmer to do whatever is necessary to get the lower road into Bondsville re-opened. We are in the process of updating our computer system - town wide. We have sold the former "Byron Hudson" house and it has been moved from the premises. The Fire Department can now proceed with its preliminary plans for building a new Central Headquarters on that site. The present fire station is inadequate to meet the needs of our growing community and should be replaced as soon as possible.

A significant step towards providing more "affordable housing" in Belchertown was taken in April when our Board voted in favor of joining the Massachusetts Housing Partnership. Through this partnership, our local committee, composed of a cross-section from the community, sets the guidelines, then works with developers and other Town Boards to prepare project proposals. Moderate income individuals and families may apply to the Mass. Housing Finance Agency for mortgage loans with interest rates as lows as 5%, to purchase a first home in one of these developments. While this program does not encourage more development, it is one important tool we can use to ensure that at least a certain pre-determined percentage of a particular project will be set aside for local residents at an affordable price.

As our town continues to grow, it becomes necessary to create new positions and hire more people to cope with the increasing demands for service. Every department has felt the squeeze. With this increasing number of employees, (approximately 70 full and part time at the present time), the Town should soon consider hiring a Personnel Manager to assess personnel needs and to oversee our employees´ welfare on a continuing basis.

It is with grateful thanks that we acknowledge all those civic minded elected and appointed officials, our dedicated employees, and the countless other citizens who volunteered their time and energy to make this Town of Belchertown work. A special thanks to our "Right Hand" Gerry Whitlock for holding things together, and to our State Representative, Stan Rosenberg, who has proven himself an ardent worker on our behalf. And of course, thanks to my fellow Board Members - Shirley Aldrich (Vice-Chairman), Bernie Kubiak (Clerk), Herb Squires, and JoAnne Newman - for all their hard work and support.

Our challenges have never been greater and the solutions will not be cheap or easy, but working together, we will continue to survive and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Rhodes
Chairman

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

This year´s report of the Executive Secretary will be based on the activities that are in progress with this office and in conjunction with the various boards within the Town´s local government. With the continued growth occuring in the Town it is evident that various departments are going to be strained, however we are very fortunate that we continue to maintain communication and everyone works closely together.

During the year the Town received numerous incentive aid grants. One such funding provided monies to conduct a study on the consolidation of a public works department. This is for the purpose of bringing all of the various maintenance/highway departments under one heading, thus creating a much more efficient department.

We are also working on energy grants for the renovations of Lawrence Memorial Hall which is presently under construction. It is hoped that this project will be completed within a timely fashion and all of the Town offices will be ready to move in.

With the help of the School Department, through the office of Superintendent, the Town received a grant for the removal of asbestos from various Town buildings.

This office continues to work closely with Mrs. Burton and the members of the School Building Committee to help finalize the recreation portion of the grant at the Chestnut Hill Community School and also to help assist in the finalization of the various projects which need to be completed before the school is officially turned over to the Town.

I am presently serving on the Hampshire County Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board and working with our local committee in regard to recycling landfills. We are now in the process of implementing a new compacting and recycling system at the landfill. Once this is in full swing it will hopefully extend the life of the landfill and set us up for a transfer station in the future. This issue is and will continue to be an expensive and serious issue, however we are continually trying to come up with solutions. This is one problem which will take the cooperation of everyone.

I have worked very closely with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and have just completed a 2 year term on the Local Government Advisory Board. I am now getting ready to serve as a representative of the Legislative Committee to review various State legislations through the MMA. I am also serving on the Massachusetts Selectmen´s Executive Board and have just received an appointment to serve on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Managers Association.

In my report to the Board of Selectmen, I listed a few of the objectives which I feel are going to be very important in the coming years.

1. The extension of the water system to the Daigle Well. Water is a precious commodity, one that shouldn´t be taken lightly.

2. I will continue working with the Sewer Commissioners to help secure funding for the sewer system.

3. The Town needs to establish new Assessors maps to update the old ones. This will probably be done on a 3 year plan and the outcome will be beneficial to all of our safety departments and various boards in the community.

4. The landfill. As stated previously this operation will continue to grow into a very expensive issue. With various regulations imposed on landfill operations, there is no getting around cutting costs.

5. The sewer treatment plant is something which will have to be looked at very closely. There are some changes which will have to be made and we should be pushing ourselves to secure funding to make the various changes which would bring the plant up to new Federal safety requirements.

There has been a committee formed to study the needs for a new school. With this being another objective it is important to accomplish this within the next 2 years due to the continued growth in the community.

I have worked closely with Senator Robert D. Wetmore, Congressman Silvio Conti and Representative Stan Rosenberg and all of these men and their assistants have played a key role in helping the Town of Belchertown secure various grants and assisting us on the ever changing legislation. We are certainly fortunate to have these individuals in the higher offices who are also willing to work with us whenever the time is needed.

In closing I would like to once again thank the citizens of the community, the office staff, the Board of Selectmen and the so many others, who for lack of space I am unable to mention, however I'm sure you all know who you are, for all of the cooperation that I have received. It is through the help of everyone that jobs get done, deadlines are met, grant funding is secured and countless other successful projects are completed.

The Town is growing and will continue to grow, therefore we all must work together for the benefit of our community. And as always, my door is always open.

Respectfully submitted,
William G. Whitlock
Executive Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has two primary functions: (1) to serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters; and (2) to administer the Reserve Fund.

In its advisory capacity, the committee reviews the individual budget requests of every town department and board, makes recommendations, and presents the overall town budget to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting in May. It also reviews all warrant articles dealing with capital expenditures and other financial appropriations and brings its recommendations to the Annual as well as all Special Town Meetings.

The Finance Committee authorizes transfers from the Reserve Fund to cover unforeseen or emergency expenses which occur throughout the year. For Fiscal Year 87, $60,000.00 was appropriated for this Fund and was fully expended under the committee's oversightt.

In order to facilitate better communications and information exchange with the many diverse functions of local government, the committee uses a liaison system. The assignments are as follows:

Buildings & Grounds	Alfred Roccanti
Culture & Recreation	Alfred Roccanti
Highways	Albert Rolls
Human Services	Albert Rolls
Public Safety	Linda Barron
Sanitation & Environmental	Albert Rolls
Schools (including Pathfinder)	Gregory Dillard and George McQuillen, Jr

The Finance Committee encourages citizen involvement in the budget process and welcomes public participation at its meetings and hearings. Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Finnerty House. Budget hearings are conducted during the time period from February through April; a schedule of these hearings is filed with the Town Clerk and is posted on official bulletin boards.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Barron
Chairman

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Type and Account Groups
For the Period Ended June 30, 1987

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash	$ 986,328.14	$ 560,597.76	$ 184,474.90	$ 312,714.10		$2,044,114.90
Investments	1,508,286.51			1,042,447.03		2,550,733.54
Accounts Receivable:						
Property Taxes	229,871.00					229,871.00
Excise Taxes	94,549.10					94,549.10
Tax Liens	104,193.86					104,193.86
User Charges	53,803.58					53,803.58
Special Assessments	18,601.23					18,601.23
Departmental	47,973.99					47,973.99
Interest & Dividends	3,069.13			7,178.84		10,247.97
Gov't Receivables	4,183.00					4,183.00
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accountants	(87,987.32)					(87,987.32)
Tax Foreclosures	904.71					904.71
Due from Other Gov'ts		245,600.12				245,600.12
Due from Others		120.00				120.00
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Debt					7,319,464.93	7,319,464.93
TOTAL ASSETS	$2,963,776.93	$ 806,317.88	$ 184,474.90	$1,362,339.97	$7,319,464.93	$12,636,374.61
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	504,356.18	19,268.09				523,624.27
Employee Withholdings	26,660.30					26,660.30
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	71,883.68					71,883.68
Excise Taxes	79,549.10					79,549.10
Tax Liens	104,193.86					104,193.86
User Charges	52,385.92					52,385.92
Departmental	47,973.99					47,973.99

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Type and Account Groupt
For the Period Ended June 30, 1987

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (cont'd)						
Special Assessments	$ 18,601.23	$	$	$	$	$ 18,601.23
Due from Other Gov'ts	1,978.91	225,081.20				227,060.11
Unclaimed Checks	1,618.56	700.00				2,318.56
Bond Indebtedness					7,319,464.93	7,319,464.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 909,201.73	$ 245,049.29			$7,319,464.93	$8,473,715.95
Fund Equity						
Reserve for Encumbrances	705,101.60	20,798.61				725,900.21
Reserve for Abatements and Exemptions Surplus	13,733.94					13,733.94
Reserved for Over (Under) Estimates	(3,990.23)					(3,990.23)
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenses	576,486.00	528,468.54		100,000.00		1,204,954.54
Undesignated	763,243.89	10,114.49	183,974.90	1,174,582.83		2,131,916.11
Reserved			500.00	87,757.14		88,257.14
Undesignated Interest		1,886.95				1,886.95
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	$2,054,575.20	$ 561,268.59	$ 184,474.90	$1,362,339.97		$4,162,658.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$2,963,776.93	$ 806,317.88	$ 184,474.90	$1,362,339.97	$7,319,464.93	$12,636,374.61

Town of Belchertown

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
All Government Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
for the Period Ending June 30, 1987

	General Government Fund Type			Fiduciary Type Fund	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	Memorandum Only
Revenues:					
Taxes	$3,231,606.35	$	$	$	$3,231,606.35
State Receipts	3,677,083.35				3,677,083.35
Excise	337,404.58				337,404.58
Tax Liens	24,913.70				24,913.70
Licenses, Permits, Fees	654,807.01	229,582.02	60.00		884,449.03
Interest	154,710.08	20,913.34		90,816.56	266,439.98
Grants		852,828.89	129,614.65	1,000.00	983,443.54
Unclassified Check		700.00			700.00
Loan Proceeds			94,654.93		94,654.93
Total Revenue	$8,080,525.07	$1,104,024.25	$ 224,329.58	$ 91,816.56	$9,500,695.46
Expenditures:					
General Government	396,051.45	26,677.11			422,728.56
Protection	608,382.32	82,828.31			691,210.63
Education	4,346,899.15	472,274.50			4,819,173.65
Highways	509,012.51	240,288.63			749,301.14
Environmental	78,653.86	26,121.34			104,775.20
Human Services	162,457.73	199,614.21		15,485.92	377,557.86
Library & Recreation	120,706.71	17,373.33			138,080.04
Buildings & Grounds	96,342.31	14,117.78			110,460.09
Unclassified Accts.	585,199.64	25.00			585,224.64
Debt & Interest	1,102,329.15				1,102,329.15
State Assessments	204,046.23				204,046.23
Prior Year Expenditures	179,492.92				179,492.92
Construction			268,904.76		268,904.76
Notes Payable			56,200.00		56,200.00
Total Expenditures	$8,389,573.98	$1,079,320.21	$ 325,104.76	$ 15,485.92	$9,809,484.87

Town of Belchertown
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
All Government Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
for the Period Ending June 30, 1987

	General Government Fund Type			Fiduciary	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Type Fund Expendable Trusts	Memorandum Only
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$ (309,048.91)	$ 24,704.04	$ (100,775.18)	$ 76,330.64	$ (308,789.41)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	190,569.50		40,000.00		230,569.50
Operating Transfer (Out)	(40,000.00)	(5,569.50)		(185,000.00)	(230,569.50)
Total Other Financing Sources(Uses)	$ 150,569.50	$ (5,569.50)	$ 40,000.00	$ (185,000.00)	$
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing (Uses)	$ (158,479.41)	$ 19,134.54	$ (60,775.18)	$ (108,669.36)	$ (308,789.41)
Fund Balance 7/1/86	2,222,459.61	542,834.05	305,903.08	1,383,252.19	4,454,448.93
Fund Balance 6/30/87	$2,063,980.20	$ 561,968.59	$ 245,127.90	$1,274,582.83	$4,145,659.52

Town of Belchertown
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1987

	Warren Wright Water Loan	Rita Lane Water Loan	Bay Road Water Loan	School Construction Loan	Sewer Construction Loan	Totals Memorandum Qnly
Assests						
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Debt	$ 16,700.00	$ 24,500.00	$ 3,610.00	$7,180,000.00	$ 94,654.93	$7,319,464.93
Liabilities						
Bond Indebtedness	$ 16,700.00	$ 24,500.00	$ 3,610.00	$7,180,000.00	$ 94,654.93	$7,319,464.93

Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
June 30, 1987

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/86	Paid In FY 1987	Outstanding 6/30/87	Due In FY 1988
Warren Wright Water Line	1980	5.0	$ 19,100.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 16,700.00	$ 2,400.00
Rita Lane Water Line	1983	5.0	27,000.00	2,500.00	24,500.00	2,500.00
Bay Road Water Line	1984	5.0	3,940.00	330.00	3,610.00	330.00
Middle School Construction Loan	1984	9.27	7,590,000.00	410,000.00	7,180,000.00	410,000.00
South Belchertown Sewer Line	1987	4.6	-0-	-0-	94,654.93	18,930.99
			$7,640,040.00	$ 415,230.00	$7,319,464.93	$ 434,160.99

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
June 30, 1987

	Balance 7/1/86	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred Out	Designated for Subsequent Yrs. Expense	Undesignated Fund Balance 6/30/87	Balance 6/30/87
Poor Funds:								
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$ 79,377.43	$	$ 12,087.16	$ 13,160.28	$	$	$ 78,304.31	$ 78,304.31
Whiting Street	14,686.00		1,583.79				16,269.79	16,269.79
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	642.64		169.98				812.62	812.62
Calvin Bridgman High School	3,340.10		597.92				3,938.02	3,938.02
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,051.91		513.79				4,565.70	4,565.70
Town Clock Fund:								
Frank Scialla Memorial	316.38		157.20				473.58	473.58
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	9,630.55		3,454.60	1,228.30			11,856.85	11,856.85
Nellie E. Brown	1,839.18		180.65	30.00			1,989.83	1,989.83
Susan M.D. Bridgman	435.63		35.65				471.28	471.28
Willard Stebbins	1,628.27		194.20				1,822.47	1,822.47
Vianna E. Somes	786.67		68.97				855.64	855.64
Pension Fund			538.45				538.45	538.45
Harold Hollings Fund	1,225.00			1,067.34			157.66	157.66
Conservation Fund	12,252.26	1,000.00	814.18				14,066.44	14,066.44
Stabilization Fund	1,253,040.17		70,420.02		185,000.00	100,000.00	1,038,460.19	1,138,460.19
	$1,383,252.19	$ 1,000.00	$ 90,816.56	$ 15,485.92	$ 185,000.00	$ 1000,000.00	$1,174,582.83	$1,274,582.83

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Statement of Expenditures compared with Authorizations

June 30, 1987

	BUDGET	TRANSFERS NOT APPROPRIATED	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	ENCUMBERED TO FY 88
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	45.00		35.00	10.00	
Selectmen	15,300.00		14,477.39	822.61	
Executive Secretary	34,240.00	151.97	34,391.97		
Accountant	69,552.00		63,691.14	5,860.86	
Treasurer, Clerk & Collector	132,266.00		123,318.87	8,947.13	
Assessors	86,103.00	1,122.80	81,954.67	5,271.13	3,300.00
Law Account	23,600.00	14,857.38	38,457.38		
Finance Committee	435.00		307.62	127.38	
Election & Registration	20,425.00		16,756.75	3,668.25	
Planning Board	18,512.00	2,019.00	18,328.30	2,202.70	
Board of Appeals	1,800.00	1,400.00	3,144.06	55.94	
Personnel Board	55.00			55.00	
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning	1,188.30		1,188.30		
	$ 403,521.30	$ 19,551.15	$ 396,051.45	$ 27,021.00	$ 3,300.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	430,931.00		424,265.49	6,665.51	2.65
Police Station	6,800.00		5,649.87	1,150.13	
Ambulance	20,360.00		16,294.10	4,065.90	
Fire Department	98,344.00	1,214.00	99,547.83	10.17	
Dog Officers	8,950.00	1,180.00	9,708.25	421.75	
Inspection Services	47,170.00		41,466.53	5,703.47	
Civil Defense	1,025.00		637.42	387.58	
Tree Warden & Forestry	14,871.00		10,812.83	4,058.17	

EDUCATION					
Town Schools	4,330,758.00		4,119,347.07	211,410.93	211,393.92
Regional School	237,321.00		227,552.08	9,768.92	
	$ 4,568,079.00		$ 4,346,899.15	$ 221,179.85	$ 211,393.92
HIGHWAYS					
Personal Services	236,771.00	22.19	231,224.98	5,568.21	
Town Garage	10,275.00	2,128.00	12,391.21	11.79	
Construction Materials	21,000.00		20,456.27	543.73	
Hired Services	28,000.00		27,993.00	7.00	
Streets	50,000.00		50,000.00		
Road Machinery	61,050.00		60,895.87	154.13	
Snow Removal	60,000.00		59,911.85	88.15	
Sidewalks	7,000.00		6,507.69	492.31	
Intersection Reconstruction	34,498.00		12,495.00	22,003.00	22,003.00
Professional Engineering	7,000.00	500.00	7,191.91	308.09	
Street Lighting	25,000.00		19,944.73	5,055.27	
	$ 540,594.00	$ 2,650.19	$ 509,012.51	$ 34,231.68	$ 22,003.00
ENVIRONMENTAL					
Sanitary Landfill	16,800.00		16,755.88	44.12	
Sewer Commission	57,800.00	3,100.00	53,849.43	7,050.57	6,879.75
Conservation Commission	6,780.00		6,700.97	79.03	
Hazardous Waste Collection	1,056.00		1,056.00		
Industrial Development	25.00			25.00	
Energy Resource Commission	25.00			25.00	
Historical Commission	300.00		291.58	8.42	
Lakes Restoration	10,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00
	$ 92,786.00	$ 3,100.00	$ 78,653.86	$ 17,232.14	$ 16,879.75

HUMAN SERVICES

Board of Health	12,905.00	365.00	12,432.68	837.32	
Quabbin Health District	23,269.50		23,269.50		
Council on Aging	58,935.00		58,872.72	62.28	
Vetrans Agent	28,910.00	10,000.00	38,690.03	219.97	
Cemetery Commission	31,375.00		28,507.87	2,867.13	
Mobilehome Rent Control Board	1,700.00		684.93	1,015.07	
	$ 157,094.50	$ 10,365.00	$ 162,457.73	$ 5,001.77	

LIBARAY & RECREATION

Libaray	42,773.50		37,498.75	5,274.75	1,109.81
Parks, Beach & Recreation	87,664.00		75,966.33	11,697.67	
Old Town Hall	7,500.00		7,241.63	258.37	
	$ 137,937.50	$	$ 120,706.71	$ 17,230.79	$ 1,109.81

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	71,161.00	10,262.95	80,615.85	808.10	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	11,500.00		11,493.25	6.75	
Finnerty House	3,110.00		2,943.78	166.22	
Town Common	900.00		889.43	10.57	
Town Clock	500.00		400.00	100.00	
Weiss Property Purchase	185,000.00			185,000.00	185,000.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall Renovation	65,000.00			65,000.00	65,000.00
Land & Water Conservation Grant	40,000.00		40,000.00		
	$ 377,171.00	$ 10,262.95	$ 136,342.31	$ 251,091.64	$ 250,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS					
Insurance	$ 391,799.00	$ 10,516.40	$ 392,859.43	$ 9,455.97	$
Pensions	145,105.00		145,105.00		
Parade Committee		1,160.31	1,160.31		
Patriotic Excercises	350.00		310.47	39.53	
Printing Town Report	4,000.00		3,890.76	109.24	
Unclassified Account	20,050.00		19,648.67	401.33	190.00
Unpaid Bills -					
Prior Year	22,225.00		22,225.00		
Reserve Fund	60,000.00	(60,000.00)			
	643,529.00	(48,323.29)	585,199.64	10,006.07	190.00
DEBT & INTEREST					
Interest	721,530.00		687,099.15	34,430.85	
Maturing Debt	415,230.00		415,230.00		
	1,136,760.00		1,102,329.15	34,430.85	
SUMMARY					
General Government	403,521.30	19,551.15	396,051.45	27,021.00	3,300.00
Protection of Persons & Property	628,451.00	2,394.00	608,382.32	22,462.68	2.65
Education	4,568,079.00		4,346,899.15	221,179.85	211,393.92
Highways	540,594.00	2,650.19	509,012.51	34,231.68	22,003.00
Environmental	92,786.00	3,100.00	78,653.86	17,232.14	16,879.75
Human Services	157,094.50	10,365.00	162,457.73	5,001.77	
Library & Recreation	137,937.50		120,706.71	17,230.79	1,109.81
Buildings & Grounds	377,171.00	10,262.95	136,342.31	251,091.64	250,000.00
Unclassified Accounts	643,529.00	(48,323.29)	585,199.64	10,006.07	190.00
Debt & Interest	1,136,760.00		1,102,329.15	34,430.85	
	$8,685,923.30	$	$8,046,034.83	$639,888.47	$504,879.13
Encumbered Funds		380,651.72	179,492.92	201,158.80	200,222.47
	$8,685,923.30	$380,651.72	$8,225,527.75	$841,047.27	$705,101.60

	BUDGET	BROUGHT FORWARD TO FY 87	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	ENCUMBERED TO FY 88
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
Assessors		4,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hydrant Services		700.00	700.00		
Town Schools Salaries & Expenses		105,812.23	104,875.90	936.33	
School Building Committee		4,372.99	203.00	4,169.99	4,169.99
Town School Building Improvements		30,905.33	5,649.22	25,256.11	25,256.11
Town Garage		1,300.00	1,300.00		
Sewer Commissioners		5,600.00	5,600.00		
Quabbin Health District		10,411.17	10,411.17		
Lawrence Memorial Hall Renovations		195,450.00	39,724.63	155,725.37	155,725.37
Campbell/Daigle Property Purchase		21,600.00	8,029.00	13,571.00	13,571.00
		$ 380,651.72	$ 179,492.92	$ 201,158.80	$ 200,222.47

Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget & Actual
General Fund and Federal Revenue Sharing Fund
For the Period Ended June 30, 1987

	General Fund			Variance Favorable	Federal Revenue Sharing		Variance Favorable	Memorandum Only Total			Variance Favorable
	Budget	Transfers	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Budget	Transfers	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues:											
Taxes	$3,144,338.22	$	$3,231,606.35	$ 87,268.13	$	$	$	$3,144,338.22	$	$3,231,606.35	$ 87,268.13
State Receipts	3,649,818.00		3,677,083.35	27,265.35				3,649,818.00		3,677,083.35	27,265.35
Excise Taxes	337,009.20		337,404.58	395.38				337,009.20		337,404.58	395.38
Tax Liens	25,670.62		24,913.70	(756.92)				25,670.62		24,913.70	(756.92)
Licenses, Permits, Fees	283,541.76		654,807.01	371,265.25				283,541.76		654,807.01	371,265.25
Interest	140,000.00		154,710.08	14,710.08		11,160.91	11,160.91	140,000.00		165,870.99	25,870.99
Grants					36,489.00	18,933.00	(17,556.00)	36,489.00		18,933.00	(17,556.00)
Total Revenues	$7,580,377.80		8,080,525.07	500,147.27	36,489.00	30,093.91	(6,395.09)	7,616,866.80		8,110,618.98	493,752.18
Expenditures:											
General Government	403,521.30	19,551.15	396,051.45	27,021.00	12,775.00	12,544.59	230.41	416,296.30	19,551.15	408,596.04	27,251.41
Protection	628,451.00	2,394.00	608,382.32	22,462.68	71,200.00	70,600.25	599.75	699,651.00	2,394.00	678,982.57	23,062.43
Education	4,568,079.00		4,346,899.15	221,179.85	41,000.00	30,959.50	10,040.50	4,609,079.00		4,377,858.65	231,220.35
Highways	540,594.00	2,650.19	509,012.51	34,231.68	16,600.00	15,038.95	1,561.05	557,194.00	2,650.19	524,051.46	35,792.73
Environmental	92,786.00	3,100.00	78,653.86	17,232.14				92,786.00	3,100.00	78,653.86	17,232.14
Human Services	157,094.50	10,365.00	162,457.73	5,001.77	1,850.00	1,812.45	37.55	158,944.50	10,365.00	164,270.18	5,039.32
Library & Recreation	137,937.50		120,706.71	17,230.79	9,300.00	7,773.33	1,526.67	147,237.50		128,480.04	18,757.46
Buildings & Grounds	337,171.00	10,262.95	96,342.31	251,091.64				337,171.00	10,262.95	96,342.31	251,091.64
Unclassified Acct's	643,529.00	(48,323.29)	585,199.64	10,006.07				643,529.00	(48,323.29)	585,199.64	10,006.07
Debt & Interest	1,136,760.00		1,102,329.15	34,430.85				1,136,760.00		1,102,329.15	34,430.85
State Assessments	200,056.00		204,046.23	(3,990.23)				200,056.00		204,046.23	(3,990.23)
Prior Year Expenditures	380,651.72		179,492.92	201,158.80	13,010.68	5,084.11	7,926.57	393,662.40		184,577.03	209,085.37
Total Expenditures	9,226,631.02		8,389,573.98	837,057.04	165,735.68	143,813.18	21,922.50	9,392,366.70		8,533,387.16	858,979.54
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,646,253.22)		(309,048.91)	1,337,204.31	(129,246.68)	(113,719.27)	15,527.41	(1,775,499.90)		(422,768.18)	1,352,731.72
Other Financing Sources(Uses):											
Operating Transfers In	190,569.50		190,569.50					190,569.50		190,569.50	
Operating Transfers Out	(40,000.00)		(40,000.00)					(40,000.00)		(40,000.00)	
Total Financing Sources(Uses)	150,569.50		150,569.50					150,569.50		150,569.50	
Excess of Revenus and Other Financing Sources Over(Under) Expenditures & Other Financing (Uses)	(1,495,683.72)		(158,479.41)	1,337,204.31	(129,246.68)	(113,719.27)	15,527.41	(1,624,930.40)		(272,198.68)	1,352,731.72
Fund Balance 7/1/86	2,222,459.61		2,222,459.61		236,914.05	236,914.05		2,459,373.66		2,459,373.66	
Fund Balance 6/30/87	726,775.89		2,063,980.20	1,337,204.31	107,667.37	123,194.78	15,527.41	834,443.26		2,187,174.98	1,352,731.72

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Amortization Schedule
June 30, 1987

YEAR	*PRINCIPLE*	*INTEREST*	*TOTAL*
1988	*$ 434,160.99*	*$ 652,697.12*	*$ 1,086,858.11*
1989	*434,160.99*	*613,639.80*	*1,047,800.79*
1990	*434,160.99*	*574,582.48*	*1,008,743.47*
1991	*424,160.98*	*535,987.65*	*960,148.63*
1992	*424,160.98*	*497,855.33*	*922,016.31*
1993	*405,130.00*	*459,723.00*	*864,853.00*
1994	*405,030.00*	*422,469.00*	*827,499.00*
1995	*402,730.00*	*385,275.00*	*788,005.00*
1996	*402,730.00*	*348,138.50*	*750,868.50*
1997	*402,720.00*	*311,002.00*	*713,722.00*
1998	*400,320.00*	*273,866.00*	*674,186.00*
1999	*400,000.00*	*236,850.00*	*636,850.00*
2000	*400,000.00*	*199,850.00*	*599,850.00*
2001	*400,000.00*	*162,750.00*	*562,750.00*
2002	*400,000.00*	*125,550.00*	*525,550.00*
2003	*400,000.00*	*88,350.00*	*488,350.00*
2004	*400,000.00*	*51,150.00*	*451,150.00*
2005	*350,000.00*	*16,275.00*	*366,275.00*
	$7,319,464.93	*$5,956,010.88*	*$13,275,475.81*

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor W. Green
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987

Cash on hand 6/30/86	$ 2,309,432.21	Payments, as authorized	$ 20,548,068.91
Receipts 7/1/86-6/30/87	19,759,127.33	Cash on hand 6/30/87	1,520,490.63
	$ 22,068,559.54		$ 22,068,559.54

Interest Income from Savings Deposits & Investments in Certificates of Deposit, etc., but excluding Trust Fund Interest - $121,056.04

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

Cash on hand 6/30/86	208,091.28	Payments, as authorized	135,869.18
Receipts 7/1/86-6/30/87:		Cash on hand 6/30/87	126,223.63
Principal 41,718.00 Interest 12,283.53 =	54,001.53		262,092.81
	262,092.81		

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/86-6/30/87, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
488	VOID						
489	Sewer Loan (Serial Note)	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	1/9/87	$18,930.99	1/8/88	4.6%	At Maturity
490	Sewer Loan (Serial Note)	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	1/9/87	18,930.99	1/8/89	4.6%	At Maturity
491	Sewer Loan (Serial Note)	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	1/9/87	18,930.99	1/8/90	4.6%	At Maturity
492	Sewer Loan (Serial Note)	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	1/9/87	18,930.98	1/8/91	4.6%	At Maturity
493	Sewer Loan (Serial Note)	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	1/9/87	18,930.98	1/8/92	4.6%	At Maturity

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Fund	6/30/86	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/87
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	9,340.10	-	597.92	-	9,938.02
George D. Longley (Music)	2,642.64	-	169.98	-	2,812.62
Susan M.D.Bridgman (Cemetery)	635.63	-	35.65	-	671.28
Whiting Street	24,686.00	-	1,583.79	-	26,269.79
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	3,128.27	-	194.20	-	3,322.47
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	8,051.91	-	513.79	-	8,565.70
Susan M.D.Bridgman (Poor)	79,377.43	5,403.48	4,821.67	13,160.28	76,442.30
Vienna Somes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,086.67	-	68.97	-	1,155.64
Nellie E. Brown(Mt. Hope Cemetery)	2,839.18	-	180.65	30.00	2,989.83
Perpetual Care (MMDT) (Cemeteries)	51,703.47	-	3,165.68	1,228.30	53,640.85
Perpetual Care (Regular acct.)(Cemeteries)	4,154.22	1,050.00	288.92	120.00	5,373.14
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	2,416.38	-	157.20	-	2,573.58
Harold Hollings Fund	1,225.00	-	-	1,067.34	157.66
Conservation Fund	12,252.26	1,000.00	814.18	-	14,066.44
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	259,632.55	-	19,563.78	-	279,196.33
Stabilization Fund (Invested as C.D's)	979.745.33	-	59,201.70	-	1,038,947.03
Pension Reserve Fund	-	10,000.00	538.45	-	10,538.45
	1,442,917.04	17,453.48	91,896.53	15,605.92	1,536,661.13

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor) - State Audit Value $3500. - 12 month Dividend - $5,403.48

Respectfully submitted,
George R. Bach
George R. Bach
Treasurer

TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR

Fiscal 1975 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		356.40
Outstanding 6/30/87	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

Fiscal 1976 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		234.60
Outstanding 6/30/87	234.60	
	234.60	234.60

Fiscal 1977 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		335.65
Outstanding 6/30/87	335.65	
	335.65	335.65

Fiscal 1978 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		416.00
Outstanding 6/30/87	416.00	
	416.00	416.00

Fiscal 1979 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		1419.28
Outstanding 6/30/87	1419.28	
	1419.28	1419.28

Fiscal 1980 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		1467.20
Outstanding 6/30/87	1467.20	
	1467.20	1467.20

Fiscal 1981 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		1326.49
Outstanding 6/30/87	1326.49	
	1326.49	1326.49

Fiscal 1982 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		2275.79
Outstanding 6/30/87	2275.79	
	2275.79	2275.79

Fiscal 1983 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		4162.88
Collected	140.29	
To Tax Title	2598.24	
Outstanding 6/30/87	1424.35	
	4162.88	4162.88

Fiscal 1984 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		4930.61
To Tax Title	170.60	
To Subseqent Tax Title	2876.29	
Collected	337.46	
Outstanding 6/30/87	1546.26	
	4930.61	4930.61

Fiscal 1985 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		40716.74
Refunded		69.73
To Tax Title	14761.86	
To Subsequent Tax Title	3884.15	
Collected	19075.34	
Outstanding 6/30/87	3065.12	
	40786.47	40786.47

Fiscal 1986 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		254043.31
Committed for Collection		52.16
Refunded		1487.30
Abated	392.15	
To Subsequent Tax Title	31816.18	
Collected	203286.33	
Outstanding 6/30/87	20088.11	
	255582.77	255582.77

Fiscal 1987 Real Estate Tax

Committed for Collection		3185978.93
Refunded		10622.31
Abated	67043.13	
Collected	2939416.47	
Outstanding 6/30/87	190141.64	
	3196601.24	3196601.24

1980 Boat Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		88.00
Outstanding 6/30/87	88.00	
	88.00	88.00

Fiscal 1978 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		17.68
Outstanding 6/30/87	17.68	
	17.68	17.68

Fiscal 1980 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		84.00
Outstanding 6/30/87	84.00	
	84.00	84.00

Fiscal 1981 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		84.00
Outstanding 6/30/87	84.00	
	84.00	84.00

Fiscal 1982 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		72.18
Outstanding 6/30/87	72.18	
	72.18	72.18

Fiscal 1983 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		360.56
Outstanding 6/30/87	360.56	
	360.56	360.56

Fiscal 1984 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		425.45
Collected	19.62	
Outstanding 6/30/87	405.83	
	425.45	425.45

Fiscal 1985 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		1335.30
Collected	560.52	
Outstanding 6/30/87	774.78	
	1335.30	1335.30

Fiscal 1986 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/86		2965.62
Collected	2146.29	
Outstanding 6/30/87	819.33	
	2965.62	2965.62

Fiscal 1987 Personal Property Tax

Committed for Collection		82098.44
Refunded		73.10
Abated	202.40	
Collected	78826.03	
Outstanding 6/30/87	3143.11	
	82171.54	82171.54

1985 Warren Wright Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/86		93.00
To Tax Title	93.00	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	93.00	93.00

1987 Warren Wright Betterment

Committed for Collection		1967.68
Collected	1967.68	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	1967.68	1967.68

1985 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/86		112.20
Collected	112.20	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	112.20	112.20

1986 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/86		247.60
Collected	209.60	
Outstanding 6/30/87	38.00	
	247.60	247.60

1987 Bay Road Betterment

Committed for Collection		1476.30
Collected	1265.50	
Outstanding 6/30/87	210.80	
	1476.30	1476.30

1985 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/86		249.91
To Tax Title	194.60	
Collected	27.81	
Outstanding 6/30/87	27.50	
	249.91	249.91

1986 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/86		1286.22
Collected	943.10	
To Subsequent Tax Title	343.12	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	1286.22	1286.22

1987 Water Liens

Committed for Collection		10118.28
Refunded		357.37
Collected	9085.49	
Outstanding 6/30/87	1390.16	
	10475.65	10475.65

1983 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		130.00
Collected	130.00	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	130.00	130.00

1984 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/86		491.58
Committed for Collection		260.00
Collected as Liens (on FY86 Real Est Tax)	491.58	
Collected as Charges	260.00	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	751.58	751.58

1985 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/86		2516.24
Committed for Collection		260.00
Committed Interest & Demand When Charges became Liens		530.05
Collected as Charges	425.25	
Collected as Liens	2532.40	
Outstanding 6/30/87	348.64	
	3306.29	3306.29

1986 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		65896.70
Refunded		535.46
Abated	305.49	
Collected	62630.08	
Outstanding 6/30/87	3496.59	
	66432.16	66432.16

1987 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		61262.79
Collected	12722.10	
Outstanding	48540.69	
	61262.79	61262.79

1985 Chapter 61

Outstanding 6/30/86		156.81
Collected	146.84	
Outstanding 6/30/87	9.97	
	156.81	156.81

1986 Chapter 61

Committed for Collection		132.42
Collected	132.42	
Outstanding 6/30/87	0.00	
	132.42	132.42

1983 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		287.00
Collected	49.00	
Outstanding 6/30/87	238.00	
	287.00	287.00

1984 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		328.00
Collected	49.00	
Outstanding 6/30/87	279.00	
	328.00	328.00

1985 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		259.44
Collected	62.44	
Outstanding 6/30/87	197.00	
	259.44	259.44

1986 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for Collection		1780.28
Collected	1577.78	
Outstanding 6/30/87	202.50	
	1780.28	1780.28

1978 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		7951.53
Collected	121.63	
Outstanding 6/30/87	7829.90	
	7951.53	7951.53

1979 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		11480.51
Collected	304.15	
Outstanding 6/30/87	11176.36	
	11480.51	11480.51

1980 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		10773.80
Collected	271.70	
Outstanding 6/30/87	10502.10	
	10773.80	10773.80

1981 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		3423.87
Collected	251.85	
Outstanding 6/30/87	3172.02	
	3423.87	3423.87

1982 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		4585.56
Collected	350.12	
Outstanding 6/30/87	4235.44	
	4585.56	4585.56

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		4641.26
Collected	767.95	
Outstanding 6/30/87	3873.31	
	4641.26	4641.26

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		6123.69
Abated	33.75	
Collected	1389.97	
Outstanding 6/30/87	4699.97	
	6123.69	6123.69

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		8994.31
Committed for Collection		5835.99
Refunded		173.02
Abated	461.44	
Collected	7759.15	
Outstanding 6/30/87	6782.73	
	15003.32	15003.32

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/86		69955.77
Committed for Collection		88658.74
Refunded		3250.24
Abated	9440.95	
Collected	142146.40	
Outstanding 6/30/87	10277.40	
	161864.75	161864.75

1987 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for Collection		201413.75
Refunded		1209.45
Abated	6264.42	
Collected	165397.32	
Outstanding 6/30/87	30961.46	
	202623.20	202623.20

Misc. Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/86		6627.09
Committed for Collection		19209.07
Collected	20439.83	
Outstanding 6/30/87	5396.33	
	25836.16	25836.16

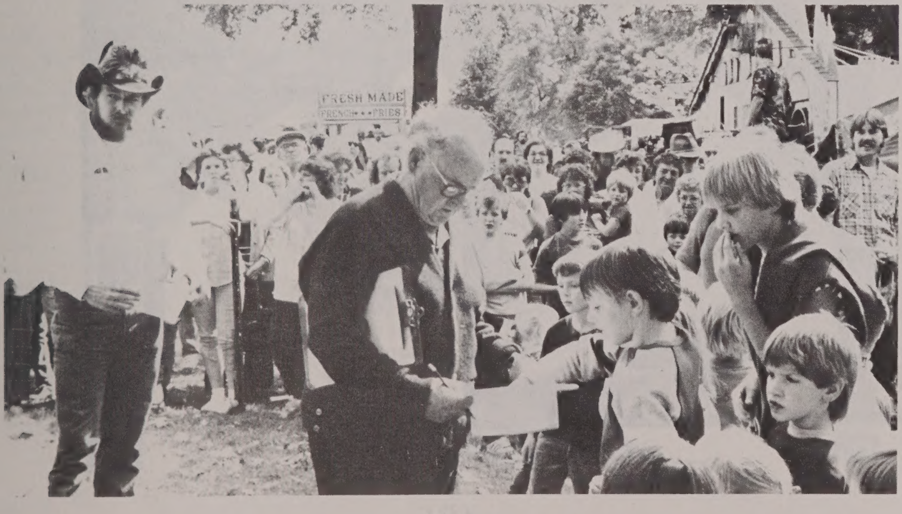
Ambulance Charges

Outstanding 6/30/86		7543.11
Committed for Collection		23360.00
Payments Received after abatements		369.60
Adjustment Entries		86.80
Refunded		94.00
Abated	5743.60	
Collected	20546.75	
Outstanding 6/30/87	5163.16	
	31453.51	31453.51

TOTAL COLLECTION DURING JULY 1986 - JUNE 1987

Taxes, Excises, and Liens	3,657,388.86
Miscellaneous Accounts	40,986.58
Fees (Warrant & Demand)	4,899.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises, Liens	37,162.40
	3,740,436.84

Respectfully submitted,
George R. Bach
Tax and Town Collector



TOWN CLERK REPORT

Statistics

BIRTHS

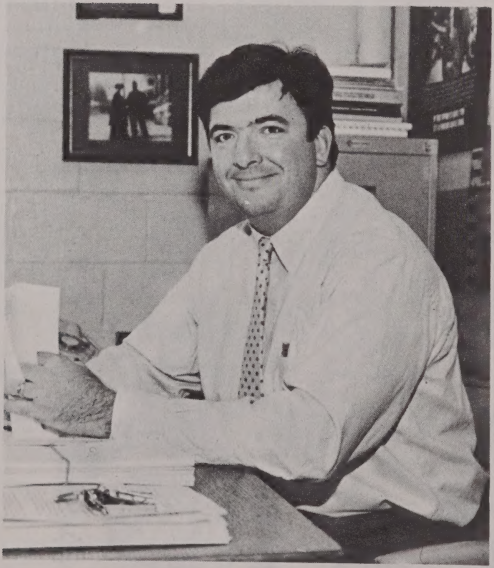
PLACE	BOYS	GIRLS
Northampton	14	26
Springfield	25	28
Holyoke	7	5
Ware	2	1
Belchertown	1	4
Greenfield	1	1
Amherst	0	1
Boston	0	1
Natick	1	0
Total	51	67

Total births recorded in Belchertown
118

MARRIAGES

	MALE	FEMALE
Resident	41	45
Non-Resident	21	17
Total	62	62

Married at:	NO.
Belchertown	43
Out of Town	19
Total	62



DEATHS

Recorded in Belchertown - 60
Males - 32 Females - 28
Resident - 58 Non-resident - 2

PLACE OF DEATH	NO.
Belchertown	15
Palmer	4
Ware	16
Springfield	9
Holyoke	7
Northampton	3
Greenfield	1
Westfield	1
Ludlow	1
Agawam	1
Hatfield	1
Southbridge	1
Total	60

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	NO. ITEMS
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	9,347.35	876
Dog Licenses (Gross)	8,749.00	1576
B-M-D Copies (Certified)	623.00	302
B-M-D Copies (Abstracts)	173.00	167
Record Search & Correction	17.00	4
Marriage Intentions	272.00	68
UCC & Terminations	2,405.00	270
Pole Orders	63.50	18
Sale of Zoning By-Laws	669.00	99
Sale of Subdivision Regulations	170.00	34
Planning Board Fees	17,194.15	128
Board of Appeals Fees	3,150.00	42
Fuel & Gas Registration	37.50	15
Business Registration & Discontinuance	46.00	46
Raffle permits	90.00	9
Sale of Street Lists	415.50	35
Federal & State Liens	1.00	1
Miscellaneous Sales, Postage	60.23	--
TOTAL	43,483.23	3690

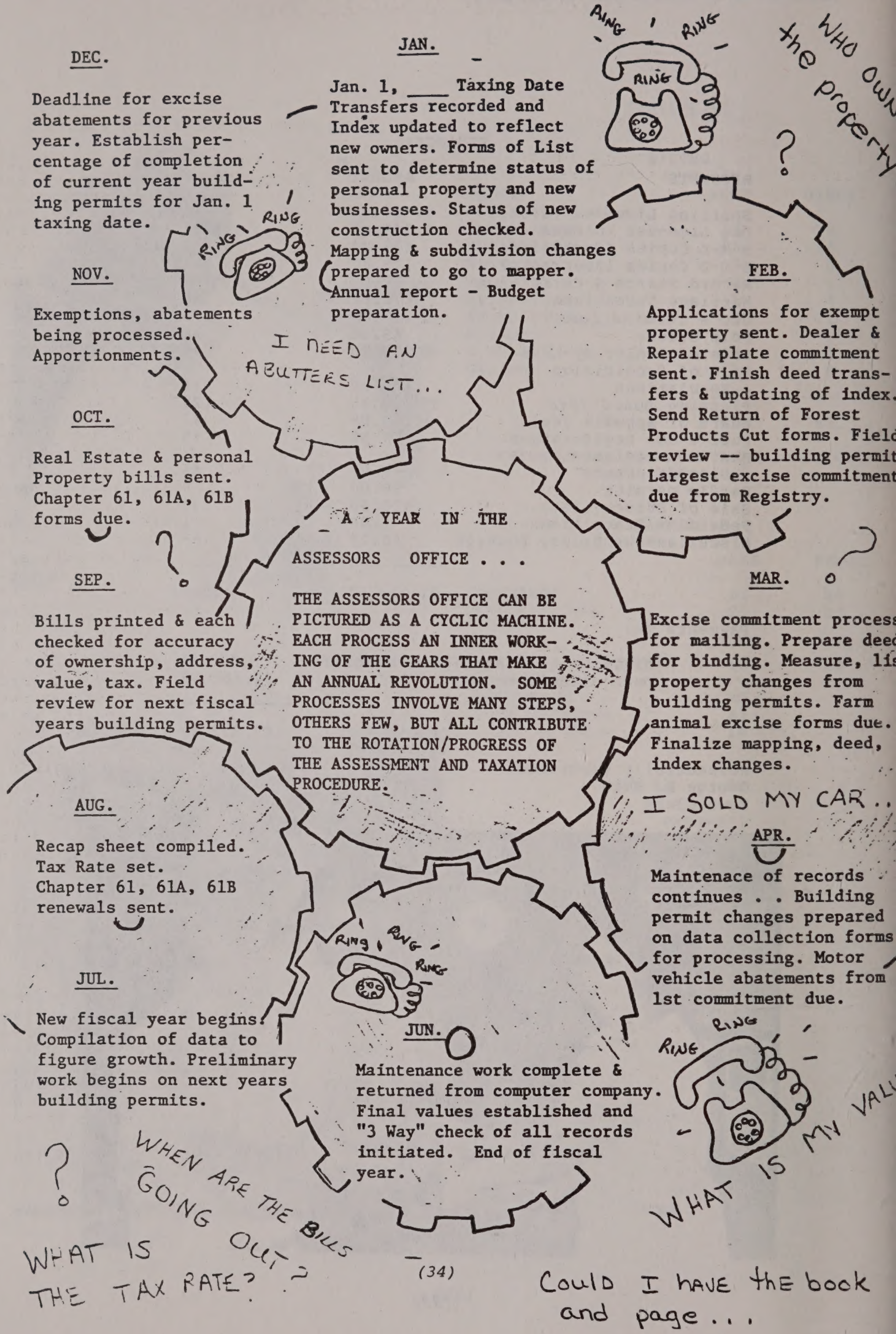
Payments To:

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	9,020.25
Town of Belchertown	34,462.98
	43,483.23

Respectfully submitted,
George R. Bach
Town Clerk

A YEAR IN THE ASSESSORS OFFICE . . .

THE ASSESSORS OFFICE CAN BE PICTURED AS A CYCLIC MACHINE. EACH PROCESS AN INNER WORKING OF THE GEARS THAT MAKE AN ANNUAL REVOLUTION. SOME PROCESSES INVOLVE MANY STEPS, OTHERS FEW, BUT ALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROTATION/PROGRESS OF THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION PROCEDURE.


RING, RING
RING
WHO OWNS the property ?
RING RING
I NEED AN ABUTTERS LIST...
?
?
I SOLD MY CAR ..
RING, RING
RING
RING
RING
WHAT IS MY VAL
WHEN ARE THE BILLS GOING OUT ?
?
WHAT IS THE TAX RATE?
Could I have the book and page . . .

JAN.

Jan. 1, ____ Taxing Date Transfers recorded and Index updated to reflect new owners. Forms of List sent to determine status of personal property and new businesses. Status of new construction checked. Mapping & subdivision changes prepared to go to mapper. Annual report - Budget preparation.

FEB.

Applications for exempt property sent. Dealer & Repair plate commitment sent. Finish deed transfers & updating of index. Send Return of Forest Products Cut forms. Fiel review -- building permit Largest excise commitment due from Registry.

MAR.

Excise commitment process for mailing. Prepare dee for binding. Measure, lis property changes from building permits. Farm animal excise forms due. Finalize mapping, deed, index changes.

APR.

Maintenace of records continues . . Building permit changes prepared on data collection forms for processing. Motor vehicle abatements from 1st commitment due.

JUN.

Maintenance work complete & returned from computer company. Final values established and "3 Way" check of all records initiated. End of fiscal year.

JUL.

New fiscal year begins. Compilation of data to figure growth. Preliminary work begins on next years building permits.

AUG.

Recap sheet compiled. Tax Rate set. Chapter 61, 61A, 61B renewals sent.

SEP.

Bills printed & each checked for accuracy of ownership, address, value, tax. Field review for next fiscal years building permits.

OCT.

Real Estate & personal Property bills sent. Chapter 61, 61A, 61B forms due.

NOV.

Exemptions, abatements being processed. Apportionments.

DEC.

Deadline for excise abatements for previous year. Establish percentage of completion of current year building permits for Jan. 1 taxing date.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

1987 proved to be another challenging year in the Assessors Office. Not only did the continued growth of the Town multiply the assessing tasks, but the State mandated revaluation of all property has challenged us further.

Whether excise or real estate, forestry or field reviews, every aspect of the office has had an increasing workload. With these increasing demands, has come the greatest challenge -- maintaining a solid foundation of procedure, policy, and practice, without sacrificing friendly, efficient and professional service.

> Professionalism means that we conform to the technical or ethical standards of the assessing profession. Friendly and efficient means that we delivery effective results in a congenial but businesslike manner.

Each of the Board members and their staff has aimed high to meet this challenge.

We do not merely gather or distribute statistical data that equates to nothing more than added figures on your tax bill. Much time and effort is spent insuring that the information maintained is updated and accurate, allowing for the just distribution of the tax burden (the overall amount being governed by Town Meeting appropriations).

Though our ultimate task is to assure that property assessments are equitable and that each taxpayer pays a fair and proportionate tax; an additional goal of the Assessors Office is to heighten the taxpayer´s awareness of the function and service we are here to provide. Co-operation and communication are key factors in attaining this goal.

Communication enables us to keep abreast of any changes to your property. Tax-payers are encouraged to bring to our attention any discrepancies that they feel may influence their values or assessments. With the taxpayers co-operation when doing field reviews, sales questionnaires, studies and other facets of data collection, we are able to carry out a progressive assessment program.

TIME WHEEL OF ASSESSMENT EVENTS

On January 1st the progress of the previous year´s building permits and buildings which were under construction are reviewed. Transfers of ownership and changes in parcel dimensions, including splits, are made to the legal and appraisal cards according to the previous year´s deeds, registered plans, and approved subdivisions.

Then more paperwork! Numerous computations determine where assessments should be ... sales comparisons are made; extensive studies are done involving the different aspects of determining value, quality of construction, structural elements are verified, location is considered; sales questionnaires are also used to aid in determining fair market value. Data collection forms are sent to the computer company to make changes and adjustments which update our main appraisal data bank. Final values are placed on properties for the taxing date of January 1st, which is the legal date when changes can be made for the coming year´s assessments. Presently, the Assessors are overseeing the values of approximately 4400 parcels. Once Belchertown´s growth and values are finalized and the Department of Revenue requirements are met, then the tax rate can be set. This step involves finalizing the "recap sheet". Last minute corrections are made to values, then the bills are printed. Once the bills are double checked and mailed, exemptions and abatements may be processed. At this point the cycle is completed and it is time to begin another year. (see illustration)

The Board welcomes back Jessie Gay who has been assisting with the revaluation. Although she works on a part-time basis, her help has been invaluable.

In September, 1987, the Board hired Susan Lysik as a permanent, full-time staff member. Part of her duties include answering the phone and screening incoming calls and questions; a task which she has learned may be difficult at times. Sue´s pleasant voice and manner as well as her willingness and ability to learn all facets of her position are great contributions to this department.

As we begin 1988, and as the Town grows, so will the commitment of the Assessors Office to serve you, the taxpayer, in a professional, efficient and courteous manner.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Staples, Chairman
Roy A. Voci
Janise G. Fitzpatrick

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals welcomed Fred Bartmon to the staff in June. His expertise in the field of law is certainly an asset. Thomas Shattuck was voted as chairman and Andre Michaud as Clerk in July.

The Board of Appeals received 44 applications in 1987 requesting 25 Special Permits, 19 Variances, and one (1) Comprehensive Permit. Of the Special Permits, 18 were granted, 3 denied, 3 withdrawn/dismissed and one not yet acted upon. Of the Variances, 12 were granted, one denied, 5 withdrawn/dismissed and one net yet acted upon.

Of the 44 applications, 8 were for duplex construction or conversion; 4 were for triplex conversion; 2 for gravel removal. A number of applications related to the Aquifer Protection Overlay. The passing of the Estate Lot By-Law has limited the number of requests for frontage variances.

The hearing of the Comprehensive Permit application from Quabbin Valley Development to construct 32 housing units under the Homeownership Opporunity Program (H.O.P.) has continued into 1988 and the results of this application will be a part of the 1988 Report.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

This year forty three dangerous or dead trees were removed. Some trees were trimmed for dead and low limbs. Six Maples and six Skyline Locust trees were planted. We were called out six times for trees or limbs blocking the road.

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Dutch Elm Disease:

Nine trees were removed.

Insect Pest Control:

Elm trees were sprayed twice for Elm Bark Beetle. Some trouble areas were sprayed for Gypsy Moth and Eastern Tent Caterpillar. Some road sides were sprayed to kill Poison Ivy.

As Tree Warden I would like to thank Douglas Hanscom, 690 Gulf Rd., for his fine job acquiring and planting twenty-one trees in various parts of town for his Eagle Scout Badge.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden & Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

PLANNING OFFICE

Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven was a very busy, chaotic and eventful year. Residential development continued at a record pace, numerous commercial developments were initiated either at the construction or planning stage, major amendments to the Zoning By-Law were adopted, and finally the siting of a major rail/truck industry in Town resulted in the energizing of an entire community both pro and con.

GENERAL

There was a change in personnel in the Planning Office this year with the departure of Denise Miller, Administrative Assistant, after nine years of service. Annette Fellion was hired in July to serve as Administrative Assistant to both the Plannning Board and Department of Inspection Services. This arrangement has worked well with Ms. Fellion demonstrating her ability to handle a variety of planning/zoning/-building related tasks.

A seven-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) through FY 1993 was prepared jointly with the Executive Secretary. This seven-year CIP will be used by the Town in realizing future and present expenditures. Information of this type is necessary for improved municipal management operations and to guide fiscal growth.

I continued to serve as staff for both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen and also as technical consultant to all Town Boards and the general public on land use, zoning, subdivision and site planning matters. In addition, I also served as member and staff to the Belchertown Housing Partnership Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Planning Board Subcommittee on Subdivision Regulations; member, Hampshire County Solid Waste Planning Committee.

RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

Countless hours were spent reviewing preliminary and definitive subdivision plans, conducting field inspections, consulting with developers, engineers, attorneys and interested abutters. By the end of 1987, eighteen subdivisions were in the review or construction stage resulting in constant attention by this office.

In the latter part of 1987, the Planning Board decided to form a sub-committee to review the current Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts and make all appropriate revisions. These revised subdivision regulations should be in final form by mid 1988.

ZONING/LONG-RANGE PLANNING

A number of minor amendments to the Zoning By-Law were made at the various Town Meetings in 1987. The most significant amendments concerning land use and development were those allowing estate lots, residential cluster development, and regulating common drives.

At the May Annual Town Meeting, the residents of Belchertown voted to allow "Estate Lots" as a matter of right in the General Residential and Agricultural Zoning Districts. An estate lot is defined as an area of land containing a minimum of 150,000 square feet with a minimum of 50 feet of frontage and which shall be used for one single dwelling unit.

At the November 23, 1987 Special Town Meeting the residents of Town voted to adopt the Common Drive Development By-Law which resulted in the placement of construction standards on common drives and the Open Space Community Development By-Law which resulted in allowing cluster residential development. A "Common Drive Development" is a tract of land divided into two or more lots with each lot having legal frontage on an existing public way and having access obtained through the common use of a private way (common drive) designed according to reduced subdivision standards. A "Cluster Development" is a residential development in which the building and accessory uses are clustered together into one or more groups, or lots which have less area and dimensional setback requirements than standard lots, and which are separated from adjacent property and other groups within the development by intervening open land.

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), formed by the Town Planner in early 1986 to serve as an advisory committee in formulating long-range planning strategies, has worked through the calendar year 1987 on a comprehensive revision of the Town´s Zoning By-Law.

This zoning package includes, among other things, a site plan review process, new sign regulations, new parking regulations, the creation of a light industrial district and the categorization of commercial into four separate business zones. Action at the Annual Town Meeting 1988 is anticipated.

MAJOR PROJECTS

The first half of 1987 was a time of controversy with the proposal of Central Vermont Railway, Inc. to site an auto cargo transfer facility on 126 acres off North Liberty Street in South Belchertown. Strong sentiments, both pro and con, "rocked" the Town during this time period. Numerous planning related issues surfaced during this proposal including environmental, legal, technical, zoning, and transportation issues to name just a few. The Town Planner was directly involved throughout this entire process acting as technical and zoning consultant; and coordinator of the Town's responses to the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report(s). It is obvious that much time was spent on behalf of all parties involved on the review and debate over this project.

The Town also witnessed its first attempt at the construction of affordable housing units under the Massachusetts Homeownership Opportunity Program. This program combines low-interest mortgage financing with private development incentives to result in far less than market rate homes. The project proposed in Belchertown by a private development company would result in the availability of at least thirteen dwelling-units for purchase by Belchertown residents, with another six dwelling-units available to non-residents. As of February 1, 1988 this project was still under review.

GRANTMANSHIP

The Town applied for five grants through this Office under five different programs in 1987. Belchertown was successful in obtaining two of these grants with one pending as of January 1988. The various grants applied for are as follows:

Incentive Aid Mini-Grant
*Feasibility Study for the Creation of a Consolidated Department of Public Works for the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts.
Amount: $5,400.00 - Funded

Off-Street Parking Grant
*Lawrence Memorial Hall - Finnerty House Parking Lot
Redesign and Resurfacing
Amount: $10,700.00 - Funded

Rural Design Assistance Program
*Town Common/Federal Street Preservation Program
Amount: $12,500.00 - Pending

Strategic Planning Program
*Long Range Planning Technical Assistance
Amount: $24,975.00 - Not Funded

Massachusetts Small Cities Program
*Stadler Drive Water Line Extension
Amount: $130,670.00 - Not Funded

CONCLUSION

It has been my pleasure to serve another year as Town Planner for the Town of Belchertown. I expect the upcoming year to be as busy and eventful as the past one in lieu of the continuing commercial and residential growth and on-going planning projects including the comprehensive zoning by-law revision to be available for Town Meeting action.

I will continue to work with the various Boards on the day-to-day planning related issues as well as on the more comprehensive long-term issues in a manner which will benefit the Townspeople of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Mazik
Town Planner

PLANNING BOARD

THE BOARD

The year 1987 should long be regarded as one colored, in large part, by issues of land use and land use regulations in Belchertown. Ultimately, these issues would attract large numbers to public hearings and Town Meetings for debate and decision-making. From the January hours and days devoted to the potentials of impact surrounding a major industrial zone change request, to the initial stages of zoning map overhaul by year´s end, the Planning Board had earned it´s newspaper characterization as "the busiest place in Town".

The Board itself experienced it´s familiar turnover of players, but managed to maintain the thread of continuity sufficient to getting the job done. 1987 was the first full year for Carmine L. Angeloni as Chair and Ellen J. Wenner as Vice-Chair, both elected to seats the previous year. Dominic Colaccino and James Hodgen were elected membership in May of the year. All four join long-time member Donald S. Cole to round out the voting member Board. In addition, Sandra Lyons and Lisa Neffinger helped out as associate members during the course of the year. It should be noted that Roger W. Bacon ended his Planning Board association in May of 1987, but will in fact begin serving on a recently founded subcommittee in 1988. The make-up of the current Board is as follows: Carmine L. Angeloni, Chair & Strategic Planning Committee Representative; Ellen J. Wenner, Vice-Chair; Dominic Colaccino, Member; Donald S. Cole, Member; James Hodgen, Clerk & Subdivision Regulation Committee Representative; Lisa Neffinger, Associate Member and Sandra Lyons, Associate Member.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The Board continued to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, increasing frequently as needed. Joint Board and Commission meetings were attended on three occasions during the year. Outside meetings such as the Audubon Society´s "Land Futures" conference, Mediation Training for Local Officials, sponsored by the Mediation Project, and the Town Planning Institute sponsored by the Berkshire Cooperative Extension Service were among those attended by Board Members. In usual fashion, the Board continued to make recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals, on Special Permits and Variance applications.

Public Meetings and hearings were held on such matters as subdivision regulations changes, zone change requests, zoning by-law amendments, and conventional subdivisions. The Planning Board´s affect on the subdivision regulations was relatively minor, during 1987, specifically to increase review time consistent with State mandate, and raise filing fees. In addition, the Board sponsored minor revisions to the zoning by-law with regards to accessory structures and cable TV tower status, and made recommendations to Town Meeting on eleven zone changes requested by Belchertown property owners. The fate of major zoning by-law proposals were decided by voters at both annual and special town meetings following careful review by the Planning Board, most notably the Aquifer Protection District Modification and the Central Vermont Railraod (CVR) - sponsored "Limited Industrial" district proposal.

Compromise and perserverance, not necessarily in that order, were two key ingredients to the success of 3 residential development alternatives proposed by the Board this year. After falling to defeat two years earlier, a revised version of the "Estate Lot" concept was accepted by a two-thirds majority of annual town meeting voters in 1987. Similarly, the Common Drive and Cluster Development proposals were each passed by a two-thirds vote at the special town meeting after unfavorable responses from voters in the Spring. All three proposals reflect the commitment on the part of the Planning Board to provide a diversity of residential land use regulations in Belchertown.

A total of 18 subdivision plans received various levels of review during 1987, proposing a total of 485 new building lots. In addition, 94 Form A or Subdivision Approval Not Required Plans were approved.

In closing, 1987 proved to be a most active year for the Belchertown Planning Board. Utlimately, however, much of the Board´s success would be measured by the unprecedented participation of the people of this Town in our planning process.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime trends across the Commonwealth revealed that total crime was down and while property crimes were slightly decreased, violent crimes increased. The Belchertown Police Department noted some significant changes in 1987. All property crimes are on the rise while crimes against the person remain approximately the same. All enforcement levels increased in 1987 with year end tallies reflecting a total of three thousand four hundred thirty-one motor vehicle citations issued and four hundred forty-four persons taken into custody.

Throughout the year the department´s resources were stretched to the limit. In addition to vacancies and injuries the amount and frequency of police responses increased tremendously. Of interest is the state crime clock which indicates a serious crime is committed every two minutes and a violent crime every seventeen minutes. I feel that it is important that the employees of the department receive deserved recognition for providing a quality level of public safety despite working shorthanded throughout the year. Arrangements have been made and we are hopeful to be back at allocated strength levels by spring of the new year.

Several new additions were made to the part-time officer ranks. Officers Ronald Molway and Joseph Yale entered our ranks early in the year and later during the year Ralph Gould, Daniel O´Brien and Francis Fox became members of the department. Dispatcher Sherry Sullivan joined the department in 1987 and has been a welcome addition as all of the mentioned officers. All were chosen after careful screening and consideration of several good candidates.

During the summer of 1987 the Municipal Lock Up Suicide Prevention Act and the Safe Roads Act became law. The suicide prevention law required changes throughout the Commonwealth. Locally Lexan panels were added within cell blocks in areas considered to be vulnerable and potentially dangerous. New policies and directives were issued to officers to comply with the law and training was provided so staff could evaluate potentially suicidal persons. Furthermore a state-wide computer network allows dispatchers and desk officers to check all detainees to find if suicide attempts had been made in other facilities state-wide.

The Safe Roads Act not only increased penalties for persons convicted of Driving While Intoxicated but also standardized breath testing procedures and calibration of testing equipment.

While 1986 showed a sharp increase in total accidents, 1987 ended with a 23% reduction in total accidents from the previous year.

All full-time officers and supervisors attended in-service training sessions through the year. In-service classes include information on legal updates, stress management, leadership, civil liability and officer survival skills. Additionally the department provides for annual firearms and defensive baton (PR-24) training. Officer Roy Bergeron qualified as a diving rescue specialist. Dispatchers received computer training and have become very knowledgeable with in-house computer systems.

During 1987 the department purchased a new ambulance. This vehicle was built with non-corrosive materials and should serve the community for years. Specifications and equipment purchases were accomplished due to the efforts of Officers Dave Conkey and Jim Taylor. It is noted that the amublance was utilized for a total of two hundred ninety emergency responses in 1987. Our service is supported greatly by the staff of the Emergency Medical Services section at the Belchertown State School. The staff not only provides training but provides back-up service to our ambulance crew. They are called upon frequently and they always provide the town a professional and efficient response.

As always, our goal to provide the highest level of public safety possible to the community could not be accomplished without the assistance and cooperation of others. Our goal has been met due to the extremely supportive citizens of the community, the cooperation of town government, the assistance from all area law enforcement agencies and agencies within the regional criminal justice system.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

May Gold Restaurant
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Under New Ownership

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden, I hereby submit the following Annual Report for the Fire Department.

First of all I would like to thank the residents of the Town, the Town officials and all the departments and organizations for their cooperation.

Most of all, I would like to thank the Officers, Members, Auxiliary, Jr. Auxiliary and families for their cooperation and hard work.

This has been another active year for the department. We have had training in the following categories; C.P.R., Hazardous Materials, Basic Fire Inspections, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations, Radio Dispatching, Driver Training, Safety on the Fire Scene, Right To Know Laws, Salvage, Rescue, Scott Air Packs, Pumps, Air Bags, Relay Pumping, Portable Pumps, Hose & Ladders, Forest Fire Evaluations and Railroad Tank Cars.

In order to keep up with the needs of the Town we must grow with it. We have outgrown our present station and we are working on plans for a new station.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Fire Chief	Donald F. Bock
Assistant Chief	Samuel J. Joyal
Assistant Chief	David Hodgen
Deputy Chief	Carl Peterson
Deputy Chief	Hugh Hubbard
Honorary Chief	Louis Fuller
Honorary Chief	Raymond Menard
Captain	Richard McGinnis
Captain	Bruce Officer
Captain	Timothy Lofland
Honorary Captain	Sherman Gould
Lieutenant	Edward Fuller
Lieutenant	Roy Reece
Lieutenant	Thomas Fuller
Lieutenant	David Gay
Lieutenant	James Hodgen
Lieutenant	Kenneth Thayer
Lieutenant	Paul Greene
Lieutenant	Richard Knight
Chaplain	George Bach
Secretary	Pamela Lashway

Douglas Alley
Edward Bock
Max Bock
Scott Cameron
Albert Dewhurst
Ernest Gay
Gerald Gould
Robert Hodgen
Christopher Hubbard
William Kimball
Edward Knight
F. Raymond Peeso
William Shattuck
Benjamin Williams
Herbert Wood

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Ronald Beaver
Richard Bush
Rob Woodard

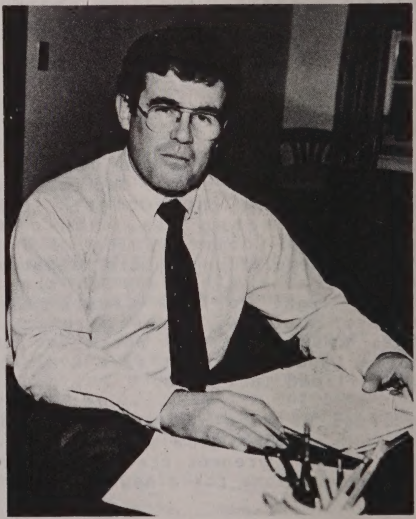
TYPES OF RESPONSES	1987	1986	1985	1984
Total Responses	206	181	180	213
Building Fires	20	24	10	24
Chimney Fires	27	27	21	27
Mobile Homes	1	1	0	0
Vehicles	12	24	13	29
Rescues	5	2	6	2
Utility Poles & Wires	3	1	5	2
Dump Fires	0	1	1	2
Forest & Grass Fires	50	39	56	33
False Alarms	9	2	1	7
Investigations	52	60	64	71
Search (Missing Persons)	1	0	0	1
Mutual Aid	3	0	3	6
Hazardous Material Spills	23	0	0	0
Hours of Fire Suppression	187.34	149.06	233.95	185
Truck Mileage	1329	979	1456	1032
Total Man-Hours Fire Suppression	2525.05	2080.55	2987	2578.34
Average Members Responses	71%	72.50%	74.7%	76.5%

TOTAL ESTIMATED LOSSES	1987	1986	1985	1984
Buildings		55,220	204,350	97,875
Contents		11,900	144,365	24,155
Vehicles		11,550	15,500	17,850

The following inspections and permits were issued:

Open Burning Permits	862
Oil Burner Inspections	199
Smoke Detector Inspections	149
Underground Tank Testing	27
Underground Tank Removal	27
Blasting Permits	15
Black Powder Permits	12
Propane Tank Permits	13
TOTAL	1304

Respectfully submitted,
Donald F. Bock
Fire Chief



ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

In 1987, the Animal Control Department had an opportunity to fully utilize new techniques and policies which added to the income for the town as well as helped in controlling repeat offenders. The use of citations is now in full swing and has proved to be a very effective means of enforcing the dog bylaws. We have also enacted a policy of trying to ward off problems before they occur by the use of limited patrolling in difficult areas, as well as utilization of phone contact when possible. It is interesting to note that while fewer dogs needed to be impounded, of those impounded, more were claimed than in previous years. We believe that this is attributable to our extended efforts at locating owners as well as our persistance in developing new methods of identifying unlicensed dogs.

In November of 1987 Phil Riverin was added to the department, so along with Gail Gray and myself, we now have a fully complemented staff that is proving to work out very well.

Last year, approximately 129 dogs were impounded with disposition as follows: 77 were claimed by their owners; 8 were euthanized; and 44 were turned over to A.R.F. There were also 4 litters of abandoned puppies (totaling 24 puppies) that went directly to A.R.F. from the point of pick-up for special care. These combined factors resulted in a savings of 1,712.64 to the taxpayers of Belchertown. There were also approximately 22 dogs struck and killed by motor vehicles.

There has been a rapid increase in the amount of verbal and written complaints, which has resulted in increased responses. We expect this increase to continue until the town´s growth rate stabilizes. In order to maintain the quality services of the department, the budget needs to be augmented. One of our goals is to generate enough income to the department so as to render it self-funding. In 1987 we began to approach that goal, and in the fiscal year of 1989 we hope to attain it. In order to do that, I will be recommending increased licensing fees to a level not inconsistent with surrounding communities. In order to further encourage individuals to spay and neuter their dogs, I will be proposing more of an increase for those who have unaltered animals.

We are striving to meet the needs of the community from a service point of view, and still operate within budgetary constraints. This isn´t always easy, but as more dog owners make the choice to comply with the bylaws, the job we need to do will be simplified.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Michaud
Animal Control Officer

DIRECTOR OF INSPECTION SERVICES

BUILDING PERMITS

Single Dwelling Units	160
Two-Dwelling Units	10
Convert to Multi-Dwelling (# of Units)	7
Multi-Dwellings (# of Units)	4
Business/Commercial	7
Industrial	2
Mobile Homes	4
Add/Alter/Repair	76
Sheds/Barns/Garages	93
Wood/Coal Stoves, Chimneys	61
Public Buildings	3
Demolitions	7
Swimming Pools	27
Renewals/Signs/Others	30
Certificates of Inspection/Use	18
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	509
TOTAL REVENUE	$37,778

WIRING PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	362
TOTAL REVENUE	$10,305

PLUMBING PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	231
Re-Inspection Vouchers	10
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 7,256

GAS PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	55
Re-Inspection Vouchers	5
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 1,358

OIL BURNER PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	191
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 2,244

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

TESTED AND SEALED DEVICES	6
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 39

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS	29
Resolved by Department	29
TOTAL PERMITS ETC. ALL DEPARTMENTS	1369
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	$59,980

1987 was another record breaking year for building activity in Belchertown. Although we finished the year with slightly fewer total dwelling units, there was an increase in the total amount of permits granted. This increase was primarily in the area of home improvement.

Activity at the beginning of the year seemed to indicate that we might have had as many as 200 new single dwellings in 1987. However, this trend slowed significantly in the early fall. Since October there has been a decrease in the number of new permits for "speculation" houses, while owner-built and custom houses have continued at about the same pace.

Whether this trend will continue into 1988 is difficult to predict. If interest rates remain stable, demand for housing remains high and if construction costs do not increase sharply we can expect another extremely active year in 1988.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas K. Magee
Director of Inspection Services

FRED J. BOCCANTI
LINDA BARRON
GREGORY R. DILLARD
ALBERT D. ROLLA

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Elementary Education (K-3)

Results of basic skills and achievement testing continue to be most satisfying. This year an emphasis was placed on the humanities. Assemblies featuring an opera, Mozart´s music, and an American Indian dance group were brought to the schools. All first through third graders were sent to Mount Holyoke College to see the theatrical presentation of Charlotte´s Webb.

Middle Grades (4-8)

Chestnut Hill Community School was second in Western Massachusetts in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-A-Thon. The middle school also enjoyed heavy exposure to the humanities. Plays were presented by professional groups that included the Hampstead Players and Robin Hood Players. Professor Chestnut from the University of Massachusetts presented a music program. The Chestnut Hill Community School´s music department placed sixteen instrumentalists and two chorus members on All Quabbin Valley Musical Recognition. This was a result of competition among fifteen school districts.

The new intramural programs drew 409 participants from a student population of 557. They took part in such activities as cross country skiing, tennis, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, and cross country running. With all these new experiences, the week at Boston University´s Camp Sargent continued to be a highlight for sixth graders.

High School (9-12)

Setting a standard of nothing less than excellence in all phases of student life, the high school had "a banner year". Courses in calculus, meteorology, psychology, and SAT preparations were added to the curriculum.

The faculty and staff completed a year-long self evaluation in preparation for the review by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

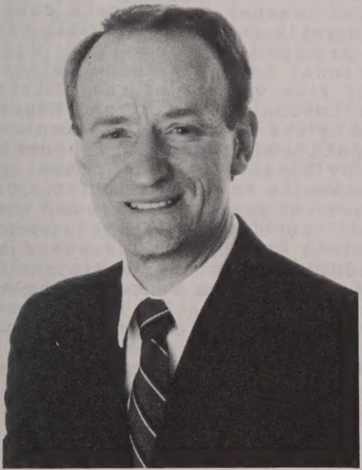
The athletic program saw cross country, basketball, baseball, and golf in the state tournaments. The cheerleaders were first in New England Tournament Competition.

Special Education Program

This operation serves over 220 students, ages 3 to 21. The service ranges from support in regular school programs to out-of-district day programs. To assist in financing the programs, the district receives $58,190 in federal and state grant monies.

I am pleased with our year but not complacent. The pursuit of excellence is a never-ending quest which starts anew each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Byard
Superintendent of Schools



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Major highlights of the school committee included the departure of two long-time, effective members: W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, chairman, and Michael Forgue. The school system will miss their dedicated work. Also departing the committee, but not the system, was Mrs. Patricia Brooks, its secretary for many years. We wish her luck in her new position.

To deal with the problems presented by a growing school population, the school committee joined with the selectmen in appointing a citizen´s group to conduct a study. Their charge includes analyzing population growth, examining the ability of existing facilities to meet this growth, and assessing actions taken by other communities in similar circumstances. Their report is due in May 1988. Other short-term actions are underway at the elementary level to relieve some of the large class sizes.

Considerable time and effort were devoted to negotiation contracts with school system bargaining units and administrators. The faculty and most of the staff have settled. The committee believes that the contracts will maintain Belchertown´s position as a desirable school system in which to work.

The committee has begun its work with the high school faculty and staff in preparation of reaccreditation in 1988 by the New England Association of School and Colleges. The accreditation process encompasses a wide-ranging review of academic programs and standards.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

As 1988 begins, the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee looks back on the past year with pride -- a year characterized by strengthening of our faculty and curriculum, expansion of our district, and a commitment to enlarging our facilities to accommodate a greater number of students and more diverse programs. We look forward to 1988 with equal enthusiasm.

The Faculty: During the 1986-87 school year, Pathfinder employed 31 vocational teachers, 18 academic teachers, 14 special needs personnel, and 2 guidance counselors. Two positions were eliminated in 1987-88 due to the closing of a program, but funding for these positions will be retained for whatever program is initiated this year as a replacement. To oversee the vocational day programs, academic courses, student services and special education, the school has 6 full time administrators.

Pathfinder has an exceptionally fine staff; the contributions of each individual are valuable, and their collective impact has assured parents and taxpayers of a quality education. Once again this year Pathfinder was honored to have two of its teachers -- Richard Sinkoski and William Paquette -- selected as Lucretia Crocker Fellows by the State Board of Education. In June, English teacher Susan Costa completed her Lucretia Crocker Fellowship year and was promptly recognized with an additional honor by being selected as one of five winners of the "Outstanding Contribution to Vocational Education" award by the Associate Commissioner of Occupational Education. Pathfinder thereby became the only school in the Commonwealth to produce Lucretia Crocker Fellows two years in a row, and the only school to have similarly won the Associate Commissioner´s award twice. In addition, Richard Sinkoski was designated a John Hancock Scholar for his role in celebrating the bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution. Two administrators were honored by being elected to office in their respective professional organizations. Michael

Fitzpatrick is currently serving as President of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, while Superintendent Gerald L. Paist is the President of the Connecticut Valley Superintendents´ Association.

Curriculum: Pathfinder´s eleven vocational offerings were awarded full Chapter 74 approval by the Massachusetts Department of Education. At the conclusion of the school year, however, the school committee voted to discontinue the Clothing Management and Production program due to declining student interest and placement. That program will be replaced with a yet-to-be designated shop which will be more attractive and will produce potentially more employable graduates for the local economy.

Each academic and vocational course underwent extensive review by the respective faculty members and administration. All courses currently taught at Pathfinder will conform to school committee expectations and commonly accepted professional standards by the end of the current school year.

A major change was instituted by lengthening the cosmetology program to include the tenth grade, thereby enabling the students to study the field in more depth, participate in CO-OP, and better prepare themselves for the state board examination.

Forty-six students participated in the Cooperative Education program in 1987, and demand in fields such as carpentry, electrical, and machine trades far exceeded the number of eligible students. New employers were added to the list of local business and industry sites available for placement in CO-OP and for eventual employment.

Among Pathfinder´s special education offerings, the Substantially Separate program was cited by the Department of Education for inclusion in a state-side publication. The Division of Special Education recognized the program for having developed effective partnerships with employers which enabled them to better understand the unique qualities and employment potential exhibited by the young people.

Student Body: Pathfinder welcomed 501 students on opening day. Of this number, 84 were from Belchertown, 73 from Monson, 14 from New Braintree, 146 from Palmer, and 53 from Ware. The remainder came from additional non-member towns: Brimfield, Chicopee, Easthampton, Granby, Hampden, Hardwick, Hatfield, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, North Brookfield, Oakham, South Hadley, Springfield, Warren, West Brookfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham. Despite declining enrollments in vocational schools state-wide, Pathfinder has experienced an increasing number of applicants due to expanded recruitment efforts and the variety of its program offerings in this region. Over 200 applications were received by April of 1987.

School Committee Chairman Michael J. Cavanaugh presented diplomas and vocational certificates to 91 graduates at commencement ceremonies in June. Eighty-nine percent of the Class of 1987 found employment in various trade areas or were enrolled in institutions of higher education. An additional ten percent entered military service where they, too, became involved in assignments related to their field of study. Graduates continued to win a number of impressive scholarships, as a total of $8,575.00 was awarded from school and community sources.

Grants, Contracts, and Special Programs: External funding is an increasingly important component of Pathfinder´s program offerings. Such funding opportunities enable the school to enrich resources available to the regular day students as well as to respond to special needs and area priorities. Over $217,000 in competitive grant monies was received in 1987.

Under P.L. 98-524, the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act, several projects were funded to enhance academic and vocational training for handicapped and disadvantaged students. Intensified instruction in English, mathematics, and employability skills supplemented regular classroom activities. Perkins monies also supported a full-time instructor in computer programming as well as equipment for that shop. Pathfinder accessed left-over Perkins monies from state-wide sources to provide summer programs to students under the supervision of the Department of Youth Services as well as selected afternoon training during the school year. Regularly-enrolled Pathfinder students were also given an opportunity to benefit from additional instruction during the summer months.

The Afternoon Program marked its eighth year of operation providing vocational hands-on training in the areas of Automotive Mechanics, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, and Machine Shop. Forty-five students were enrolled representing thirteen towns. This program continues to provide valuable training to "at risk" students from a wide variety of backgrounds and educational abilities and needs.

Through Service Delivery contracts with the Bureau of Institutional School, Pathfinder continued its commitment to providing quality educational programs to area institutional and community-based handicapped students. The Resource Skills program based at Ludlow High School, provide life skills, pre-vocational and vocational skills programs to students from Belchertown State School, Monson Developmental Center, and many surrounding towns.

Three new activities were supported by state-wide competitive grants from the Division of Occupational Education. In an effort to attract more students into non-traditional shop areas, an outreach specialist was employed to work with local junior high school students and their teachers. Pathfinder was also selected to pilot test a new curriculum program in Applied Communications which, when fully developed, will have nation-wide visibility. Finally, a grant of $7,000 enabled the school committee and administration to fund a study and related activities designed to expand the district to include the town of Ware.

Budget and Finance: For Fiscal 1988, the School Committee adopted an operating and maintenance budget of $3,121,812; a capital budget of $263,961. Reductions through state aid and tuition from out-of-district towns resulted in net total assessments to the member towns as follows: Belchertown, $320,037; Monson, $313,999; New Braintree, $63,672; and Palmer, $616,477. Each of the four towns subsequently approved its apportioned share unanimously. Because the per pupil expenditure fell to below 85% of the state-wide average for vocational schools, Pathfinder was eligible for an equal educational opportunity grant of $7,062. Local spending must increase by that much in the current year to conform with provisions of state law that govern the EEO grant program.

Late 1987 saw the enactment of Senate Bill 2142, the Vocational Education Improvement Act. Through the efforts of vocational administration - including Pathfinder's superintendent and assistants - the legislature made a commitment toward a minimum of 35% state funding for vocational schools and a one-time grant program to help upgrade equipment in critical areas. These provisions should infuse an additional $200,000 in state aid for Pathfinder in FY1989.

Challenges Ahead: Clearly, the most dramatic undertaking during 1987 was the successful effort to expand the district and to increase the size of the school. After several years of planning, the school committee identified this activity as its number one priority for the year. Consequently, the committee and administration - with the enthusiastic support of the staff and student body - embarked upon an intensive marketing campaign to generate support for the plan.

The administration developed a two-pronged approach which featured the political and financial framework for admitting the town of Ware on one hand, and an architectural and capital outlay project on the other. Both came together in presentations during special town meetings in the spring. Unanimous votes in all five towns approved amendments to the Regional School District Agreement thereby admitting the town of Ware and authorizing the school committee to finance and construct a $5.5 million addition to the school.

The proposed addition will be eligible for 75% state aid and will include 4 shops, 15 classrooms, a new guidance area, and two new offices. The addition will house auto body, electronics, heating and air conditioning, and a new carpentry shop. Renovations to the space presently occupied by carpentry will allow for enlargement of the automotive and machine shops and the existing Tea Room will be nearly doubled in size. Programs currently housed in off-campus rented facilities will be brought back to the main building.

Concurrently, the towns approved an amendment to the Agreement which provides, for the first time, district-wide elections for members of the school committee. A special act of the state legislature validated those procedures, and they will be implemented with the upcoming elections in the spring of 1988.

The School Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens of the district for their support, encouragement, and constructive ideas through all of this process. Together and individually we can work for the young people of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
Marceline B. Matrow, Monson
Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree
Ronald J. Laviolette, Palmer
Ford P. Ray, Ware
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

This department has run in the past with 2 full-time men. The opening of Chestnut Hill School complex and the remodeling of Lawrence Memorial Hall made it necessary to hire a third man. This was done in early February 1987.

1987-1988 Projects:

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL - our biggest project was started last January and is still in progress.
PARKS & RECREATION - Assembled and set-up four new metal bleachers, three at Chestnut Hill School and one at the Memorial softball field. Made and put in place, eight benches for the tennis courts at Chestnut Hill School. Put up team benches on both ball fields at Chestnut Hill School.
TOWN BEACH - Spread four dump truck loads of sand with help from the Highway Department. Put in a 4´ x 4´ x 4´ footing and set up tower slide at the beach. Built and put up four new barbecues in the picnic grove.
BELCHERTOWN SENIOR CENTER - Fixed leaks and reshingled sections of the roof at the center. We are presently putting up a 24´ x 24´ building to house their new walk-in freezer.
TOWN LANDFILL - Presently working on a 14´ x 24´ building to cover garbage compactor as well as house the operators control room.
BASEBALL FIELDS - Starting last spring we now have seven ball fields to maintain daily, beginning in early April to mid August.
CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL - Our department puts up and takes down plywood roofs over both glass sunrooms to protect from snow falling off of the school roof. We installed the pool cover for the swimming pool.
POLICE STATION - Made renovations in both jail cells to bring them up to new State standards for prisoner safety.
HIGHWAY GARAGE - Stripped and reshingled roof on the storage shed.
OLD TOWN HALL - Helped in removing old heating plant (boiler) and insulated all steam pipes after new unit was in and working well.
OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE (Jabish Street) - Scraped, replaced missing clapboards and stained back end of building.
NEW PLAYGROUND (Chestnut Hill School) - Helped set up forms for concrete pad and walkway.
FIRE STATION - Scraped and painted inside the Fire Station, lower level.

We do hire summer help for the ball season, however I must thank my 2 full-time men, Leo Peet and Kevin Brown, for all of their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Wiilliam "Gus" Linde
Maintenance/Craftsman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bay Road from Metacomet Street to Rita Lane was completed this year. Berm was put in place and the finish coat of black top was put down. Loaming and seeding was done where needed and chips spread to hold down the brush. Drainage has been installed from Bachelor Brook to the railroad crossing. The old road was excavated, widened and regraveled with a base coat of black top being put down for the winter. This section will be completed in the Spring.

Work on a number of secondary roads which included brush cutting and chipping, new culvert pipes, ditches cleaned, etc. was completed. Approximately ten miles of road was sealed with oil and stone. Underwood Street, Goodell Street, Granby Road and Warner Road have been surfaced.

Old Springfield Road from Route 21 North to the lumber treating plant was done last Spring. New culvert pipes were put in, the road was widened where possible and black top was put down. This work was paid out of grant monies the Town received from the State.

Approximately 2,800 cubic yards of fill was trucked into the area where the new compactor area is located at the sanitary landfill. This work was done by the Highway Department and local contractors. The compactor is now in place and the area around it has been graded with a base coat of black top put down. A fence around the area will be installed in the Spring and new gates put up. The area in back of the compactor has to be filled to make room for the shed that will be put up for the recycling of glass, papers, cans, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry A. Dodge
Superintendent of Streets

SEWER COMMISSION

The Belchertown Sewer system includes two separate systems: one serving the center of Town, and one serving the South Belchertown section. The South Belchertown section which was completely rebuilt a few years ago, has during the past year, given very little trouble. Our problem there is the maintenance of the pumping station which pumps the sewage into the Palmer system. It is our good fortune to have Wm. Trombly, "Chief Operator of the B.S.S. Sewer Treatment Plant" to check the station regularly and report or repair any trouble there.

The sewer serving the center of Town requires much more care. This year we cleared the brush from our right of way, and periodically checked the known trouble spots. We also added seven new connections to this system.

In an attempt to receive a grant to install a larger pipe in a section from the intersection of Route 9 & 202 to the B.S.S. Treatment Plant, we with Huntley Associates Engineers, cleaned, televised, smoke tested and thoroughly inspected a large section of the system. We noted that this being an old and antiquated system, that any attempt at repair would be money foolishly spent and we must at this time set a schedule of replacement starting with the most deteriorated parts and working as money can be made available.

Respectfully submitted,
Preston Atwood
Harry L. Brougham
Albert Dewhurst

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year´s challenge for the Conservation Commission was to manage both the steady onslaught of wetlands cases as well as the other mandated areas of concern. As more and more development reaches more and more wetland margins, the Commission has put increasing staff hours into assisting the many citizens and professionals who come during office hours.

The Commission held 40 hearings for Requests for Determination, and 29 for Notices of Intent. Eleven Enforcement Orders were issued and 7 Certificates of Compliance were granted. Many hours were spent reviewing major subdivisions such as Rimrock Turkey Hill, Deer Run, Sheffield Estates, and Clearwater Ridge.

The Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan was completed, approved, printed and distributed. This comprehensive planning document represents a major cooperative effort among town boards and citizens and provides a guide for open space preservation and recreational needs for the next five years.

The Commission established a Conservation Land and Trail Committee which in its first season was responsible for re-establishing and re-marking the boundaries and entire trail network of the Jabish Brook Conservation Area. A public hike was well attended in the fall. Commission negotiations resulted in donation of two abutting parcels for conservation purposes on Warner Road, a rapidly developing area of town. In addition, Arcadia Bog was researched, and proves to be a regionally valuable natural feature here in town.

An Agricultural Preservation Restriction application was submitted by Mr. Howard Atkins and processed by the Commission. We oversaw clean-up efforts at the Tire Fire and entered into partnership agreement with the New England Small Farm Institute for management of the Jackson Street Fruition Demonstration Hill. We bought over 100 spring bulbs which were planted by Scouts at Chestnut Hill School.

The Commission put a major effort into aquifer protection, with the proposed aquifer bylaw amendments for annual town meeting. Another major effort was involved in reviewing the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Auto Transfer Facility, with all the accompanying and subsequent environmentally related issues.

The Commission noted the resignation of 17-year member, Louis Laframboise, who was replaced by new member Barbara Pasternak. Staff Assistant, Pamela Harvey resigned and was replaced by Felicity Callahan. Associate member, David Haines became a full member, replacing outgoing Wesley Autio.

Kathy Ruhf, Chair
Jennie Greene
Hubert Greene
Alice Kuc, Vice Chair
David Haines
Barbara Pasternak

Associate Members:
Donald Minney
Hildegarde Hall

Staff:
Felicity Callahan

BOARD OF HEALTH

As would be expected in a town growing at the rate that Belchertown is growing, a great deal of the Board of Health´s activities during 1987 involved subsurface sewage disposal systems. The Health Agent, as well as the Board members, witnessed percolation tests and reviewed and approved plans of new homeowners´ septic systems. We also reviewed subdivision plans and made recommendations as needed to the Planning Board.

In the spring the Board met several times with representatives from the Central Vermont Railroad and concerned citizens on the subject of the proposed Cargo Transfer Station. We explored the concerns of the community and the response of the railroad´s engineers to these concerns.

A number of private "stump dumps" were approved on their owners´ properties. The location of these approved dumps are on file in our office with copies sent to the Assessors, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. A recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen that a bathroom for the handicapped be made available at future town functions such as the Belchertown Fair. If public buildings with a bathroom for the handicapped are not open to the public then a portable one should be rented.

Along with the above mentioned specific activities, restaurant inspections were conducted on a regular basis. Housing inspections were performed as the need arose.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Snow
Member, Belchertown Board of Health

VETERANS' SERVICES

During the year 1987 I decided to change my hours from Tuesday evenings to Thursday during the day. Veterans´ seeking help are available during the day and it makes it more convenient for them. I am still available most of the time if they call either the office or my home.

I was in hopes of having an office by the end of 1987 to give me more privacy when meeting with Veterans to discuss their problems but it looks like that is a long way off.

The case loads have increased during the year along with an increase in the cost of doctors and hospitals. Veterans´ services in Boston predicted this would happen a couple of years ago.

I attended the mid-winter conference and the summer conference along with a training session in November. These conferences and training sessions are vital to keep up with the changes that are taking place.

This year, like all others, I have had cases that I never expected but with a few phone calls I can get them taken care of.

I wish to thank all the Selectmen for appointing me and the office girls and Town Accountant for putting up with all the problems I give them.

It continues to be a learning experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Merle R. Green
Veterans´ Agent

QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Two new programs were implemented during FY´87; Hospice Program made possible through a grant awarded by Pioneer Valley United Way - January 1987; a High Blood Pressure Screening for Adults at work sites, grant awarded by Department of Public Health, Executive Office of Human Services - July 1986.

We are able to expand our Maternal Child Health Care Program due to a grant warded by Department of Public Health, Division of Family Services - July 1987.

STATISTICAL REPORT PERIOD:
OCTOBER 1, 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1987

I. HOME VISITS

Nursing		1359
Physical Therapy		161
Speech Therapy		34
Homehealth Aide 2804 hours	Visits:	1288
State Home Care 1294 hours (Home/Personal Care Attendants)	Visits:	690

II. TITLE III GRANT

Funded by Holyoke, Chicopee Regional Senior Services with 10% matching fund by Q.V.V.N.A.

HOME VISITS: to 53 Elderly

90 - Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (GNP) service included direct nursing care, health assessment and supervision of health aides.

82- Homehealth Aide hours to Hospice patient.

21 - Nursing Visits for Hospice Care

HEALTH PROMOTION

At Senior Center by GNP. 79 elderly participated. Service included Flu immunizations, Blood Pressure Clinic, Montoux Testing and Health Education to individual on a one to one basis.

III. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND

Utilized by 16 Belchertown residents under 60 years of age who were not eligible for homehealth service by any other source of payment. Thirty one (31) nursing visits and Four Hundred Twelve (412) hours of Homemaker/Homehealth Aide hours were provided.

The VNA may be reached by calling 283-9715 or 283-7651.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Tyburski, R.N., G.N.P.
Staff Nurse

CLERK OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

GIARDIASIS - 1
CHICKEN POX - 1
ANIMAL BITES - 2

This is the smallest number of contagious diseases ever reported to me in one year.

Nine (9) high risk baby cases have been reported.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

In 1987 I inspected and reported to the proper authorities the following:

- 89 places where animals are kept and reported the number and kind

- 19 dog bites were investigated

- 1 cat bite was also checked

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley W. Antonovitch

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is now in its eighth year. The Health District System is a proven success as evidenced by the continuing trend of towns that are choosing the District System to share personnel, expertise, and office management.

This year again reflected general growth patterns in the Pioneer Valley regarding unparalleled development. The agent oversaw a record number of percolation tests in the District. There was also an increase in the number of retail and food service inspections and re-inspections.

The District members voted to hire a permanent, part-time assistant to aid in both perc test season and in other year-round duties. Interviews are being conducted at the time of this writing.

Many directives continue to arrive at this office regarding AIDS and other serious infectious diseases. Issues concerning lead paint, disposal of hazardous materials, radon and asbestos contamination, and aquifer protection require constant study and investigation by the District.

The following Table lists the major services provided for each town in the District during 1987.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Tests/Deep Holes	542	203	37
Septic Inspections	238	76	41
Housing Inspections	10	47	3
Housing Reinspections	7	34	3
Food Service Inspections	43	49	0
Food Service Reinspections	9	4	0
Retail Food Inspections	23	41	8
Retail Food Reinspections	3	6	0
Bakery Inspections	6	6	0
Nuisance Inspections	17	21	3
Nuisance Reinspections	17	21	3
Hearings	2	4	1
Court Appearances	1	2	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	1	0
Lead Paint Reinspections	0	1	0
Communicable Disease Investigation	9	0	0
Camp Inspections	2	0	0
Well Sites	0	0	1
Water Samples	3	1	0
School Cafeteria Inspections	5	7	2
Oil Spills	1	0	0
Pool Inspections	2	0	0

Once again, I would like to thank John Desmond, Chairman of the District, and all the members for their support. Also, thanks to Helen Kutt for the fine job done as secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
David Zarozinski
Health Agent

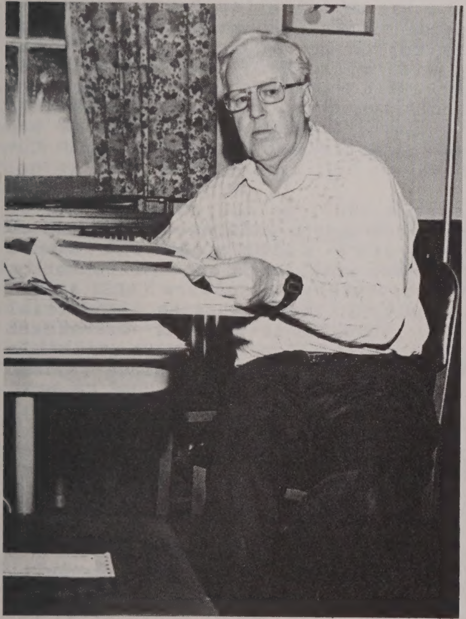
VETERANS GRAVES

I have ordered 3 gross of American flags for Memorial Day, May 30th, 1988, through Valley Forge. They will arrive in approximately 3 weeks. They will be placed on the graves 2 weeks prior to Memorial Day and in case of inclement weather 1 week before. This will be done by myself and several comrades of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I personally will oversee the whole operation.

Whenever a veteran in Town dies, Mel Terry or myself make sure the undertaker is given a flag and a marker to put on the grave site. If not, we do it ourselves. Also the name and info is recorded in our book of deceased and cemetery´s.

Last year 1987 we spent:

Flags - approximately	$300.00
Footings (4)	$180.00
	$480.00
Budget	$850.00



For 1988 estimate:

Flags - approximately	$300.00
Footings (8)	$360.00
	$660.00
Budget	$850.00

Note: We do not need any grave markers this year. Also, our World War II Veterans are getting on in years and I´m afraid we´ll be burying many within the next few years.

Yours truly,
David A. LeCours
Veterans´ Graves Officer

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the Belchertown Cemetery Department for the calendar year 1987. During the past year we performed twenty-eight (28) burials and the following sums of money were returned to the Town:

Burials	$ 2,980.00
Cremains	225.00
Sale of Lots	2,170.00
Perpetual Care	930.00
	$ 6,305.00

For the past three years we have held our budget at the same level, but this year we are asking the Finance Committee as well as the voters for a five (5) per cent increase.

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Arts Lottery funds enriched the lives of hundreds of Belchertown residents of all ages this year -- from school children to senior citizens. During its two funding cycles, which ended May 1 and Nov. 1, the Belchertown Arts Lottery Council awarded grants to 12 out of a total of 18 applicants. Our allocation from the state was approximately $6,700 -- revenue raised through the highly successful Megabucks lottery.

We were proud to participate in the new Performing Arts Student Series (PASS), funds which are specifically allocated to send school children to live performances. Through collaboration with the Parents-Teacher-Organization, we were able to introduce 551 first through third graders to live theater by sending them to a Children´s Theater production at Mount Holyoke College. An ad hoc subcommittee for PASS, comprised of council members Gayle Taylor and Gloria Fox, has made recommendations to the State for making this program more accessible to local students.

The diversified array of other projects funded in 1987 included:

July ´87 Funding Cycle
(Closed May 1, 1987)

Stagewest to provide discount tickets for Belchertown senior citizens to see The Foreigner,

Belchertown Community Band for the purchase of new music,

Susan Martens and the Belchertown Recreation Department to show classic movies as fund raising events for local not-for-profit organizations,

Belchertown Community Playground toward construction of the outdoor stage,

Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities for exhibitions and performances of circus-related arts,

Very Special Arts, Massachusetts, for a visiting artist program and festival in the schools.

Jan. ´88 Funding Cycle
(Closed Nov. 1, 1987)

Patty Carpenter for a jazz concert at the Senior Center,

The Belchertown Congregational Church for a choral cantata,

Amy Hart for the development of a dance program to teach earth science to junior high school students,

New England Puppetry Series for the Literature to Life programs of performances, workshop and curriculum development materials for elementary school children.

A highlight of the year took place at the annual town meeting in May when Chairman Jim Gambaro presented selectmen with a pastel painting done by Carla Brennan and funded by the Belchertown Arts Lottery Council. The winter view from Jackson Street now hangs in the Chestnut Hill Middle School.

The main criteria for Arts Lottery funding is bringing both the visual and performing arts to the greatest number of Belchertown residents. We look for variety in projects and give preference to local applicants whenever possible.

We sadly bid adieu to two Council members. Jim Gambaro stepped down after serving the six year maximum allowed by State law and William Barron resigned because of other commitments. We thank them for their service on the Council and will miss them. We were excited, however, to welcome three dynamic new council members: Mary Avery, Gloria Fox and Elizabeth Wellso. Their energy and creativity are welcome additions to the Council.

Early in 1987, Belchertown was one of four towns in the Commonwealth chosen to test out a pilot Cultural Needs Assessment workbook under development by the Arts Extension Service (AES) at the University of Massachusetts. The trial run for this "do-it-yourself" assessment tool provided the AES with valuable feedback on its handbook (since revised and published)), and gave the Council information that will help it direct its future funding more effectively. A report on the project, including an inventory of cultural and leisure resources available to Belchertown residents, is being compiled.

We look forward to continuing to enhance the quality of life in our community through our support of the visual and performing arts. As we begin 1988, the

Council has two important objectives: One is the implementation of our first performing arts series in the Summer of 1988 and the other is to attract more applications from visual artists in upcoming funding cycles.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Gambaro, Chairman
Bernie Kowalski, Secretary
Gayle Taylor, Treasurer
Mary Avery
Gloria Fox
Judy McQuillen
Elizabeth Wellso

Belchertown Arts Lottery Council
Current Members
(1/88)

	Current Term Expires	First Appt´d.
Marianne Gambaro Chairman	6/30/89	1985
Bernie Kowalski Secretary	6/30/88	1986
Gayle Taylor Treasurer	6/30/89	1985
Mary Avery	6/30/89	1987
Gloria Fox	6/30/89	1987
Judy McQuillen	6/30/88	1986
Elizabeth Wellso	6/30/89	1987

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority has two projects in Administration. Everett Acres, a 48-unit project built and administered under the State´s Chapter 667-1 Elderly Housing program and 68 East Walnut Street, a 4-unit project built and administered under the State´s Chapter 689 Housing for People With Special Needs Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age or handicap and income. The current maximum annual net income for eligibility is $12,320 for one person and $14,080 for a couple and up to $18,700 for a family of five. The eligibility requirement for state aided elderly housing was reduced to 62 years of age in April of this year.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay twenty-five percent of their net monthly income for rents including all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant´s income, the average rent is $140 per month. The anticipated income for fiscal 1988 is $83,460. Operating expenses are budgeted at $94,227 with an anticipated deficit of $10,967. All funding is provided by the State directly to the Authority. Everett Acres is fully occupied with a waiting list of seventeen eligible applicants.

The Authority´s new project on East Walnut Street was constructed during the year and accepted as substantially complete on September 1, 1987. A lease for three of the units was negotiated with Shelton´s, Inc. in October and approved by the Executive Office of Communities and Development and the Department of Mental Health at the beginning of December. Shelton´s is conducting staff training on the premises and the units are expected to be occupied shortly after the first of the year. All expenses of the units leased to Shelton´s, Inc., will be funded by DMH. The fourth unit will be rented by the Authority to an income eligible handicapped person or family, who will pay seventeen percent of their net monthly income for rent, and furnish their own utilities. The operating expenses are budgeted at $14,813 for fiscal 1988.

The Authority also has direct administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Program for Existing Housing. Under this program, the Authority assists very low income elderly, disabled or handicapped persons or families in paying their rents. Eligible persons are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned apartments anywhere in the community that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their income for rents and utilities and the Authority pays the balance each month directly to the landlord. The budget for the Housing Allowance program for fiscal 1988 is $109,999 with full funding provided by the Federal Government. All units allocated under the program have been filled and a waiting list is maintained.

At the annual town meeting in May, the Authority was granted a three acre parcel of Town owned land on George Hannum Road for the construction of two or three duplexes under the State's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program. With the acquisition of one parcel and the ongoing pursuit of two additional parcels, the Authority secured a grant for $1,140,000 for the construction of a total of six duplexes for families. While all six could be located on one site, the Authority does not feel that this would be in the best interest of the Town or the families who will reside there. The Authority has been working during the year with the administration of the Belchertown State School and DMH to secure a parcel of State owned land on State Street for two or three of the family duplexes, and will request a small parcel from the former Piper Farm for two duplexes, at the annual Town Meeting next year. Advertisements for Architectural services for this project were placed last summer and a contract for design in the amount of $82,800 was awarded to Margo Jones, Architects of Greenfield in October.

In December the Authority received notice of a Modernization grant in the amount of $73,735 for Everett Acres. The funding was specified for the replacement of refrigerators, exterior doorknobs, garbage disposals, and the removal of a linen cupboard that reduces the living room area in sixteen of the apartments. Once a contract for financial assistance has been received, specifications will be drawn up and bids secured for the proposed work.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Carmody, Chairman
W. Ira Shattuck
Patricia A. Squires
Mary S. Pratt
Antoinette Kobiak

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Our projects this past year included the continuing pursuit of preserving the historic areas of the town, especially the center and common area. The Commission reviewed the plans for the reconstruction and signalization of the Main Street intersection and made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Recommendations included brick walkways, camouflaged brown painted light posts, and plantings - generally the suggestions dealt with preserving the rural and aesthetically pleasing character of the center area.

At the Annual Town Meeting the Commission did not support the re-zoning of three residences on South Main Street for inclusion within the limited business district. Although this zone change passed by a very small margin, we still do not feel that there should be any expansions of the limited business district within the center of town until such time as permitted uses within the district are better defined, a site plan review process adopted, or a Village Business zone is created for this area. We commend the current owners of 26

South Main Street for the restoration work being done. Their plans are supported by the Commission, however, the current zoning bylaws offer no future protection for this property or any of its neighbors.

Throughout the year, a member of the Commission has served on the Strategic Planning Committee working on a major revision of our zoning bylaws to allow for residential, commercial, and industrial growth while preserving our rural heritage and the town's character. The adoption of a cluster zoning bylaw at the November Town Meeting which allows residential development on smaller individual lots in exchange for providing open space and leaving natural features undisturbed, is within our preservation goals.

An ongoing project of the Commission is work on a survey being done of all pre 1860 gravestones in Belchertown's nine cemeteries. The photograph and written survey sheet is recorded on archival products and stored in archival boxes. Copies of the survey will be made available to the public at the Clapp Memorial Library. The combination of genealogical information and the survey data from the gravestones, may eventually lead to a publication.

The Commission continued their routine duties of review of town grant applications for impact on areas and buildings of historic significance. We also continue to have major concerns regarding the plans of the Ludlow Savings Bank and their impact on Main Street and the common area.

A scenic road bylaw to preserve the character and scenic vistas of our many country roads remains a goal for the Commission. Further work, definition, and refining of such a bylaw will be completed in the coming year for future town meeting presentation.

In June, member Carl Peterson, declined re-appointment for a second term, and shortly before the end of the year, the Commission accepted, with sincere regret, the resignation of Suzanne Day. Though no longer serving, we know both will continue their interest and support of preservation within the community.

In November, two members of the Commission attended a conference in Worcester sponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Historic Mass., Inc. An excellent revised handbook outlining the duties of local Commissions was distributed. The meeting generated much helpful information, a sharing of concerns, and a useful exchange of ideas.

In early December the Commission met with the Planning Board for a discussion and review of a Rural Design Assistance Program grant which will be submitted early next year. The proposed grant is to develop design strategies which will preserve the historical character of the town's center while allowing for continued use and adaptive re-use within the area.

A duty of the Commission is to share information with the public. We will be setting-up, after the first of the year, a reference table and bulletin board in the Clapp Memorial Library. One will be able to find information on how to restore an old home, current preservation news, local concerns, and as much free literature on historic preservation as we can collect to share. Also a copy of the partial survey of homes over fifty years old done in the 1970's by the Commission will be available as a reference. Much of this information will be passed along to the high school Social Studies Department.

The Commission's stated goal of "preservation of the community's historic places" continues to guide our direction. The rapid changes taking place in Belchertown concerns us. We are working for citizen awareness and support of the Commission's efforts to ease the impact of new building and increased population on historically significant buildings, neighborhoods, and open spaces. To those of you who appreciate old buildings or a walk through open meadows, along old pathways through the woods, or along a tree shaded country road, we ask your support for our continued efforts on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Bock
Paul Lussier
Lee Forsythe

COUNCIL ON AGING

1986 was a year of change and challenge for the Council on Aging/Multi-Purpose Senior Center. Changed staff responsibilities evolved from Clare Oberly´s retirement and Grace Billings resignation. The Job Description revisions having all been formulated and approved during 1986, these positions were filled through internal promotions. Maintaining adequate federal and state funding to continue existing services and to respond to new and changing needs was our biggest challenge throughout 1987.

Federal monies for the Nutrition program have held at level funding since 1985. With rising food costs, staff COL raises, and increased supply and mileage costs during the same period, the donation requested from participants was raised in mind-1987 in an attempt to off-set the level funding. The combined federal, state, and local funding which supports the transportation service has increased to meet service costs; but each year the federal share has decreased resulting in an increase at the state and local level. No local up-front monies are involved; local cost is reflected on the Cherry Sheet. State funding through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) has continued to partially support our Social Day Care program as well as supplementing the $12,000 raised by seniors for the Council´s walk-in freezer. Sizeable reimbursement is received from Holyoke Chicopee Regional Senior Services in State Home Care money for transportation, nutrition, and Social Day Care services to certain eligible elders.

New funding in the amount of $6,000 was secured from EOEA during 1987 to ascertain "at-risk" elders, to secure pertinent data which would facilitate community response in an emergency or crisis situation, and to establish formal linkages among churches, organizations, certain service persons, and COA staff to keep us better apprised of changing needs of the more isolated elders in Belchertown.

Our largest fund-raising event since our organization in 1975 was the community-wide drive for the walk-in freezer and storage building for the Nutrition program. The community response and backing, both from individuals, professionals, and organizations was remarkable with well over $12,000 being raised in a matter of months. The support received is acknowledged and our appreciation expressed through this report.

The Council´s operation and capital equipment budget at the close of 1987 involved the following sources and amounts:

Town Appropriation -	
(operations)	$ 63,694.00
(Capital Equipment)	15,000.00
(Transfer)	2,000.00
Nutrition -	
IIIC/USDA/SHC/Donation	176,678.40
Transportation -	
(PVTA/fares/reimb)	44,648.00
EOEA (SDC/Outr/reimb)	12,036.17
(freezer grant)	2,441.00
Senior Center Assn.	
(freezer & building)	12,226.61
Federal Employment Program	
(2 part-time aides)	8,320.00
TOTAL BUDGET (exclusive of volunteers!)	$337,044.18

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of all our services. Without these dedicated persons no facet of our services could function. Their contributions go far beyond the hours given; it is their dedication and commitment that makes them all so very special, and rightfully gives our Center the reputation of being a "warm and friendly place".

No report would be complete without an expression of appreciation to our other Town departments; their support and cooperation is exceptional and frequently not experienced in other towns. Of special note are the hours spent on elder projects by the Maintenance Dept., the staffing of our swim programs by Parks & Recreation, the maintenance of our vehicles by Highway, the frequent assistance received from the Police, and the cooperation and assistance received from our Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Executive Secretary and the Board of Selectmen.

Belchertown´s elderly population statistics indicate another year with practically no increase in numbers of elders. Our climb from slightly over

700 in 1975 to over 1,400 by the end of 1985 was exceptional and attributable, at least in part, to the construction of Mill Hollow Elderly housing complex and the rapid expansion of Pine Valley Plantation. Belchertown´s "building boom" with high numbers of single family homes constructed had minor impact upon the elderly population, though we are encountering a small number of new elders as a result of this influx.

Though 1987 brought no appreciable increase in numbers of elderly residents; the need for an increased and more specialized scope of services became increasingly evident during the year. Shorter hospital stays, increased day procedures at area hospitals, and an increased emphasis upon community care rather than nursing home placement prompted us to be more creative in services offered, to develop ways to be more able to respond to emergency situations, and to respond to the needs of elders who previously would have been serviced through State Home Care. (State Home Care´s services now target the more frail elder and are no longer available to many elders for assistance in the activities of daily living.)

The nutrition, transportation, and Social Day Care services of the Council are the services which have seen the major changes as we adjusted, expanded and changed services to meet needs. Specifically:

1) Home delivered meals are responding to early hospital discharges and day surgery; serving a greater number of individuals, many of them for a relatively short period but often with modified/special diets.

2) Transportation has changed the most drastically, with ongoing out-of-town medical transportation for day care, dialysis, and related procedures increasing our mileage and operating budget greatly as we work with other social service agencies to guarantee community care in lieu of nursing home placement.

The acquisition through Town Capital Equipment appropriation of a four wheel drive Jeep has assisted us greatly in supplying adequate service. At the close of 1987, based upon actual statistics, a second lift-equipped van was requested from PVTA.

3) Social Day Care has been a valuable service in allowing our more frail elder the supports which he/she requires if they are to remain in a community setting. It has also proven a valuable means of delaying or preventing institutionalization as well as serving as a respite for family caregivers.

Overall services/programs of the COA/MPSC can best be reflected in the following charts:

I. UNDUPLICATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS EACH SERVICE CATEGORY: (7/1/86-6/30/87)

	1985	1986	1987
Outreach	572	774	184
Health	478	461	477
Nutrition	465	457	431
Transportation	220	255	214
Activities/ Community Service	620	711	727
At Least One Service	876	950	837

II. VOLUME OF PARTICIPATION/SERVICE: (7/1/86-6/30/87)

	1985	1986	1987*
Total Center Visits	39,532	46,112	45,811
Total Congregate Meals**	20,319	19,052	18,873
Total HD Meals (includes (Granby)	42,974	49,624	51,487
Total Health (Incl VNA + seminars	3,182	3,142	3,591
Total Transportation trips	14,223	14,598	15,823
Total Transportation miles	54,770	57,768	78,709
Total Social Day/Respite	xxxxx	473	1,389

Total Activites (All)	17,985	27,060	19,338
Total Outreach	3,591	4,392	1,570

* Some of decrease is due to gradual changeover to computer
** Granby withdrew from congregate mid 1986

The number of unduplicated persons involved dropped in 1987 to 837 from 950 in 1986. We have no concrete explanation for this but other cities and towns have also shown the same trend. We attribute this to more extensive service delivery to a smaller number of elders.

Under the leadership of Robin Law, Parks & Recreation, the Aqua-Nastics program, aquatic exercise, at Chestnut Hill Community Pool is proving a most beneficial "wellness" program as in the Walking Club which involves many elders who faithfully participate in this form of "wellness" exercise. Their enthusiasm took them to Boston again this year for the Governor's Cup where they won another award for Belchertown.

Health related services offered by and through the Council are made possible through the cooperation of Mercy Hospital Audiology, Mary Lane Hospital, Wing Memorial Hospital, our three community physicians, our VNA, and many volunteer nurses. The scope of services which these facilities and individuals make available to our elders is exceptional.

Activities offered cover a broad range of opportunities from very passive, spectator type to the very mobile activities such as bowling, swimming and walking. Day trips and extended trips did not receive the response of previous years. The Center Staff is evaluating possible reasons; we are reluctant to discontinue trips for they are an entry point for many to the services and programs of the Center.

Information & Referral services increased in complexity due to continually changing governmental regulations governing programs. Again in 1987 the Council served as the agency in Belchertown for community wide distribution of surplus foods, and also served as intake for Fuel Assistance applications for all eligible elderly and handicapped residents. AARP provided free Tax Assistance for elders again during 1987. This is a much appreciated service provided by trained volunteers who each year take extensive tax counselling training under IRS.

The Council on Aging, a town appointed Board, organized with Shirley Dorey, Chairman, Casimir Owczarski, Vice Chairman, Kathryn Everett, Secretary-Treasurer, Winifred Shattuck, Louis Fuller, Carl Takvorian, Carol Shay, Ruthella Tucker, Gerald Houlihan, and Rev. Fr. John Pickowitz. Two retiring members, Mary Clauss and Ruby Martin, were honored at a luncheon for their many years of dedicated service to the elders of our community.

The Council maintains membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directors, and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging.

The services offered represent our best response to the needs of the elderly and handicapped in our community. The future goal of the Council is very basic. We will strive to grow and change as the community's elderly and handicapped needs indicate; continually striving to improve the quality of services offered in the most professional, yet caring, manner possible. We encourage all to visit the Center; your comments and input are needed. Our hope of realizing our goal is based upon the wholehearted community support we have always experienced, coupled with our volunteer commitment and the cooperation of social service agencies in the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wadsworth, Director

PARKS, BEACH & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As we look back upon the year of 1987, we take time out to analyze what we have accomplished. Each year we try to improve our department and programs by adding and expanding. Our goal was once again accomplished, as along with existing programs new programs came to surface. Interest and enrollment continue to increase.

The Recreation Department is staffed by two full-time employees, but supplemented by many part-time employees. Using these combined skills we are able to offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities for the citizens of Belchertown.

Along with part-time employees we have many people who volunteer their time and effort to the department's activities. Without such support we would not be where we are today. We thank each and every one of you for such commitment.

The following agencies and businesses were sponsors in 1987: Clark's Sport Shop, Holyoke Sporting, Choquette's Market, J&J Coin-A-Matic, Lioness Club, Don Cole, Frank's Lawnmower Service, Bay Path Realty, Stebbins Construction, Reece Auto Body, Don's Auto Service, Mill Valley Splicing, Henrichon Electric, Red's Pool, VFW, Bell & Hudson Insurance, Springs Lounge, D.H. Jones, Asplundh, Hampshire Steel, T.S. Morganbake, McCarthy's Pub, Village Package, American Legion, Belchertown Pharmacy, Conkey Lumber, New Towne House Restaurant, Ludlow Savings Bank, Elder Lumber, Snow's Country Store, Quabbin Service, Swift River Crafts, Interskate 91, Belchertown Florist, Apollo Pizza, Lucianos Bakery, Video Studio 19, Bill McCourt (New England Liquors), Rich Walker (Miller), Chan Computer Corp., Quabbin Valley Insurance, Quabbin Valley Realty, Advance Insurance, Mill Valley Country Club.

Each year as we strive to meet the communities needs, our roles change and our horizon broadens. We review past programming and initiate new programs. We are constantly expanding as the needs and community grows. Here is a list of programs that were offered in 1987: Instructional Basketball, 5th & 6th Grade Basketball for boys and girls, 7th & 8th Grade Basketball for boys and girls, Adult Basketball League, Open Basketball, Instructional Baseball, Organized Baseball for children 7-18 years of age, Instructional Soccer, 5th & 6th Grade Soccer for boys and girls, 7th & 8th Grade Soccer for boys and girls, Summer Playground, Arts & Crafts, Red Cross Swimming Lessons, CPR, First Aid, Babysitting, Karate & Self-Defense, Women's Softball, Men's Softball, Co-Ed Softball, Youth Golf Lessons, Senior Citizen Cross Country Skiing, Adult & Children Cross Country Skiing, Aerobics For Fitness, Girls Softball, Open Tennis, Tennis Lessons for Adult and Children, Outside Basketball.

With the opening of Chestnut Hill Middle School Pool came a whole new channel of programs for the citizens of Belchertown. We offered, for the first time, the following programs: Indoor Swimming Lessons for Adults and Children, Senior Citizen Swimnastics, Adult Swimnastics, Swim Team, Adult Lap Swim, Family Swim, Children's Swim, Advance Lifesaving, and Scuba Diving. Each program offered has been welcomed with open arms. Having such a facility like this can only promise more and more recreational opportunities for the community in years to come.

Special events put on by the Recreation Department were: The 7th Annual Oktoberfest Road Race (Co-sponsored by the VFW), Awards Picnic (Co-sponsored by the VFW), 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Dances, Rollerskating Trips, Mt. Tom Water Slide, Magic Show, Pet Show, Penny Carnival.

We are always looking into new program ideas, and 1988 hopes to offer: Winter Swim Lessons, Special Aquatic Programs (Water Safety Instructor Courses, Toddler Swim Classes, etc.), Ice Skating, use of the Outdoor Track, Playground and Fitness Trail.

Gus Linde, Head of Maintenance, continues to do an excellent job maintaining all the recreational areas. The list includes Parson's Field, Cold Spring Field, Austin-Gaughn Softball Field, High School Field, Tennis Courts, Outside Basketball Court, Track, Picnic Pavillion, Middle School Fields.

Changes also came to the Recreation Committee as we welcomed a new member, David Woodcock, who will be a great asset.

Publicity for our programs was done through a monthly newsletter, monthly school flyer, newspaper write-ups in the Holyoke Transcript, Springfield Morning and Daily News, Springfield Union, Amherst Record, and the Sentinel. Special events were announced on area radio stations, newspapers, flyers and posters put up in various locations around town.

The year of 1987 has come to an end and we feel very good about the programs that were offered and look forward to continuing our effort to meet the recreational needs of the community in 1988. Once again we thank every one for their support. You have helped make 1987 a great success. The Recreation Committee and I welcome any suggestions and criticisms about the department and its programs. We would like to invite you to our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, held at the Old Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Knapp
Recreation Director

Robin Law
Assistant Director

Committee:
Pat Burton, Chairman
Bruce Smith
Sylvia Conkey
Chris Daley
Dave Woodcock

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 24, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m., but was recessed briefly until 75 voters were present. Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m., a quorum present.
Registered voters present - 78 (Quorum required - 75)
The Town Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE I.

Voted to appropriate from the Council on Aging Wage Account the sum of $201.29 to the Council on Aging Salary Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $16,000.00 to the Health Insurance Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $2,037.08 to pay the following unpaid bills incurred in a prior year:

Hapco Auto Parts	$ 11.25
Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers	639.18
Hope United Methodist Church	936.90
National Heating Company	247.50
Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	90.00
Snow´s Egg Farm	16.25
Quabbin Animal Hospital	96.00

(Vote - Unaimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $19,795.00 to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior year:

Fontaine Bros.	$19,795.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $55,000.00 for the School Department #4000 account for electricity at the middle school in the amount of $8,400.00, plumbing at the high school in the amount of $16,000.00 and a custodian for the middle school in the amount of $30,600.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 9, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Registered Voters present - 710 (Quorum required -75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.
Invocation given by Rev. Thomas Hawkins, Pastor, Hope United Methodist Church.
National Anthem was played.
Selectman Herbert Squires introduced Board members.
Linda Barron, Chairman, introduced members of Finance Committee.
James Gambaro, Chairman of the Arts & Lottery Council, informed meeting regarding Council´s work, and presented to the Town a painting to be hung in the lobby of Chestnut Hill School.
Gloria Fox, Belchertown Community Playground Committee, informed meeting of the Committee´s work, and appealed for volunteer labor on construction Sept. 17-20, 1987. Committee is also selling refreshments at this meeting.

ARTICLE I.

Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds each for one year. and Mary S. Pratt as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II.

Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee. Eric Weiss presented the report of the Recycling Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III.

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1987, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV.

Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, the Board of Health and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors, Chairman	$ 10.09
Assessors, Other Members	8.26
Cemetery Commissioners	7.90
Sewer Commissioners	7.90
Board of Health Members	6.00
Tree Warden	7.90

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V.

Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $3,080.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII.

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvements Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $60,000.00 for Improvements to Public Ways pending reimbursement of General Laws, Chapter 577, Section 8 ofthe Acts of 1980.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved as follows: That the Town Meeting take at this time, and out of established order, Article 17, Section 27, on page 50 of the Finance Committee Report, due to the implications that an affirmative decision on the School Committee´s request for restoration may have on the Town Meeting´s consideration of other financial articles. Vote - Majority Yes.

Mr. Kubiak requested a division. Moderator appointed tellers: David Fredenburgh, John Buchholz. The vote was: Yes-222; No-95; (Majority Yes).

ARTICLE XVII.
(a)

Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee´s report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committeess of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(d)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,614,418.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this "section d", the following took place -
1) The original motion as presented by the Finance Committee totaled $4,510,714.00.

2) A motion to approve the School Committee´s budget as outlined under Article 17, Section 27, Page 50 of the Finance Committee´s report passed by a majority yes.

3) A motion was made to amend the Article 17, Section 27, by restoring $207,408. cut by the Finance Committee from the Belchertown School System budget by increasing the respective accounts as follows:

1000	Administration	$16,300
2000	Instruction	92,639
3000	School Services	12,500
4000	Operating & Maintenance	52,000
7000	Fixed Assets	28,969
9000	Programs with other Schools	5,000

The question was moved and a unanimous yes vote cut off debate. Voice vote on amendment-Majority No.
Hand vote requested - Yes-206; No-206; Chair cast a deciding yes vote; Vote-Majority Yes.

4) On the amended motion - Hand Count - Yes-203; No-210 (Majority No)

5) On the original motion (i.e. Finance Committee´s recommendation) an amendment was offered changing the amount from $4,510,714. to $4,614,418. The vote was Yes-221; No-181. Motion as amended-Majority Yes.

Meeting was recessed from noon to 1 p.m.

ARTICLE XVII.
(b)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $447,283.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee´s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(c)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $678,738.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee´s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting with the exception of the Police Department whose Wages account shall read $359,623.00 and who Expenses account shall read $97,135.00.

ARTICLE XVII.
(e)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $320,038.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee´s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(f)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $475,418.00 for the Highway Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee´s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(g)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $96,355.00 for Sanitation and Environmental Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting with the exception of the Sewer Commissioners Budget whose Salaries account shall read $1,700.00 and whose Wages account shall read $4,350.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(h)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $145,472.00 for Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(i)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $153,574.00 for Culture and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(J)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $115,284.00 for Buildings and Grounds, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(k)

Voted to appropriate the sum of $625,906.00 for Pensions and Insurance and to meet said appropriation, raise and appropriate the sum of $565,906.00, appropriate from free cash in the treasurty the sum of $40,000.00 toward the Pensions account and appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds the sum of $20,000.00 for the Unemployment Insurance, Group Life Insurance, and FICA-Town Share accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(l)

Voted to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds in the treasury the sum of $25,300.00 for the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVII.
(m)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,121,860.00 for Interest and Maturing Debt, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Moved to change order of business to consider Articles 43, 44, & 45 at this time. Vote: Majority Yes. Motion for secret ballot for Arts. 43, 44 & 45 passed by a majority yes vote. Hand vote requested: Yes-310; No-114.

ARTICLE XLIII.

On the motion to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the manner described in Article 43 of this Annual Town Meeting warrant and as shown in the Finance Committee report,

a majority no vote defeated the article. Ballot vote: Yes-259; No-270.

(This article would have redefined a Primary Aquifer Recharge Area by amending Section II. DEFINITIONS. See Warrant for entire text of article.)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place:

1) Mrs. Johnson requested meeting allow Mr. Healy from Tighe & Bond to speak. Chair granted permission to Mr. Healy (not a registered voter) to speak on the issues. Motion challenge decision of Chair was withdrawn.

2) After considerable discussion a 2/3´s majority yes vote moved the question. Yes-454; No-14.

3) Motion to reconsider secret ballot was Majority No. Vote: Yes-88; No-334.

4) Secret ballot held - 6 counters appointed: Donald Slessler, Phyllis Slessler, Gail Gray, Clare Oberly, Jane Kubacki, Lou Szabo
Vote was: Yes-259; No-270 (Motion lost)
---- Motion to reconsider - Majority No

Mr. Byard moved to reconsider his motion to vote by secret ballot on Articles 44 & 45. Vote-Majority Yes. Mr. Byard moved for "voice vote" for Articles 44 & 45. Vote - Unanimous Yes.

ARTICLE XLIV.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended: (see entire text in Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article sought to include an additional area between the central and southern primary aquifer recharge areas.)

A motion to reconsider Article 44 failed by a majority no vote.

ARTICLE XLV.

On the motion - To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendment to the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended: (see entire text in Warrant)

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote. Vote: Yes-201; No-168; Required for 2/3´s = 246

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a motion to take no action received a majority no vote.)

(This article referred to land in the Aquifer Protection District-amending Sec. IV.J.4.k.)

A motion to reconsider Article 45 by voice vote failed by a majority no vote.

Meeting adjourned until 7 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 1987 at High School.

Vote - Unanimous Yes

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 11, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 317 (Quorum required - 75)
Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

ARTICLE IX.

Voted to appropriate from Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures account the sum of $35,000.00 and from free cash in the treasury the sum of $25,000.00 to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI.

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XII.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,056.00 as Belchertown's share of the Hazardous Waste Collection Day program.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XIII.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $300,000.00 to be used in conjunction with those funds appropriated in Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 1986, for the renovation of Lawrence Memorial Hall, and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7.

(Vote: Yes-216; No-31;
2/3´s majority yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place:

1) The question was moved.
Tellers appointed: Leo Ablicki, Janise Fitzpatrick, Bill Cary, David Fredenburgh
To cut off debate - Yes-244; No-4 (2/3´s majority yes)

ARTICLE XIV.

Voted to amend the "Personnel By-Law", as previously amended, in the following manner:

Changes to be effective July 1, 1987

Amend APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN:, as follows:

Category & Position	Classification & Pay Level
A. MANAGEMENT	
Police Chief	$33,390.00
Highway Superintendent	28,938.00
Town Accountant/Administrative Secretary	28,938.00
Director of Inspection Services	25,599.00
Maintenance Supervisor & Craftsmen	22,260.00
Executive Director - Senior Services	22,260.00
Recreation Director	20,034.00
B. ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL	
Town Planner/Grantswriter	12
Social Services Coordinator	7
C. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	
Administrative Assistant/Assessors	7
Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Collector	7
Assistant Town Clerk, Deputy Collector	7
Assistant Town Accountant/Secretary	7
Sr. Dispatcher/Police Administrative Secretary	7
Assessors´ Office Manager	6
Recreation Supervisor	5
Dispatcher/Secretary	5
Sr. Clerk/Deputy Collector/Ass´t to Treasusrer	5
Administrative Ass´t to Inspection Services & Planning Board	5
D. CLERICAL	
Secretary	5
Senior Clerk	4
Clerk & Typist	4
Clerk III	3
Clerk II	2
Clerk I	1
E. MAINTENANCE	
Building & Grounds Maintenance Worker	$7.78
Custodian & Maintenance Worker	7.78

COMPSENSATION PLAN:

A. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE:

Clerk, Board of Registrars	According to Chapter 41, Section 19G, M.G.L.
Fire Chief	$13,500.00
Veterans Agent	3,600.00
Director of Civil Defense	250.00
Deputy Director of Civil Defense	100.00
Radio Officer, Civil Defense	100.00
Assisting Member, Civil Defense	100.00
Animal Inspector	350.00
Dog Officer	600.00
and per action	8.00
Assisting Dog Officer	300.00
and per action	8.00
Plumbing Inspector per inspection	10.00
Electrical Inspector per inspection	10.00
Gas Inspector per inspection	10.00

B. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, HOURLY SCHEDULE:

Secretary/Assistant-Zoning Board of Appeals	$4.90-6.13
Conservation Commission Assistant	3.55-6.51

Election Workers	3.55-5.01
Council on Aging-Cooks	3.55-8.01
Council on Aging-Drivers	4.00-6.68
Council on Aging-Nutrition Aides	3.55-5.57
Council on Aging-Custodial	3.55-5.25
Council on Aging-Social Day Care Coordinator	3.55-6.62
Clerk/Typist	3.55-5.21
Clerk/Dispatcher/Secretary/ Matron	3.55-6.12
Parks & Recreational Seasonal Employees	3.55-6.68
Swim Team Coach (Seasonal)	8.00
Swim Team Assistant Coach (Seasonal)	6.00
Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employees	3.55-5.57

C. WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE For all full time employees except those classified as Management, Administrative Professional, Maintenance and Seasonal Employees. A full time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) hours or more per week.

Pay Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	$188.25	$195.75	$203.50	$211.75	$220.25
2	203.25	211.50	220.00	228.75	238.00
3	219.50	228.25	237.50	247.00	257.00
4	237.00	246.50	256.25	266.50	277.25
5	256.00	266.25	277.00	288.00	299.50
6	276.50	287.50	299.00	311.00	323.50
7	298.50	310.50	323.00	336.00	349.50
8	322.50	335.50	349.00	363.00	377.50
9	348.25	362.25	376.75	391.75	407.50
10	376.00	391.00	406.75	423.00	440.00
11	406.00	422.25	439.25	456.75	475.00
12	438.50	456.00	474.25	493.25	513.00

Employees classified as Management and Administrative Professional shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees except those classified as Management or Administrative Professional who work forty (40) hours or less per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and mulitply by the number of hours actually worked.

D. SALARY RANGE:

The Personnel Board may establish salary wages for the Management category and shall place each manager on his appropriate step within such range subject to an annual review.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XV.

Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $100,000.00 for the following named purposes:

Cold Spring School Boiler	$40,000.00
Landfill Development	45,000.00
Council on Aging Vehicle	15,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVI.

Voted to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds the sum of $59,700.00 for the following specific purposes:

Accountant & Clerk Computer Equipment	$17,500.00
Town Clerk Typewriter	500.00
Assessors-Fire Proof File Cabinet	1,200.00
Fire Department-Hazardous Waste Suit	3,000.00
Franklin School Blacktop	3,000.00
High School Parking Lot	5,000.00
Highways-Sander	10,000.00
Highways-Pickup Truck 3/4 Ton	16,000.00
Town Garage-Time Clock	1,500.00
Town Beach Bath House Repair	2,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XVIII.

Voted to reduce by $705,345.07 the amount authorized to borrow as voted under Article IX of the Special Town Meeting of June 8, 1976.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIX.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $950,000.00 for the construction of the George Hannum Road Interceptor sewer line, and to meet said appropriation, authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, S. 8; and to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which will reduce the borrowing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XX.

Voted to amend the dog by-law, as previously amended, to read:

Part I, Sec. 3(d) The licensing period shall begin January 1st and shall run for (1) year. Renewal applications shall be made between December 1st and January 31st.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXI.

Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee consisting of three persons appointed by the Moderator in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 44A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXII.

Voted to establish a standing Recycling Committee to be composed of five (5) members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each member to serve for a three (3) year term expiring June 30 of the third fiscal year after their appointment, except that at the outset, one (1) shall be appointed for a one (1) year term, two (2) for a two (2) year term and two (2) for a three (3) year term; the primary function of the Committee to be to oversee the recycling operation and to continue to advise the Town through the Board of Selectmen on new solid waste operations as they develop.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXIII.

Voted to rent from the Cemetery Commissioners, construction and excavating equipment at rates not to exceed the rates for such equipment approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXIV.

Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1986, AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CITY OR TOWN TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXV.

Voted to transfer a portion of a certain parcel of land on George Hannum Road, as shown on Assessor´s Map 9, Lot 65, and further described as follows, to the Belchertown Housing Authority: Beginning at a concrete bound on the southerly side of George Hannum Street being the northeasterly corner of the parcel: thence S31 47´ 15"E along land now or formerly of Quabbin Valley Development Corp, approximately 386.36 feet to a concrete bound; thence S 87 25´38"W along land now or formerly of Quabbin Valley Development Corp., approximately 744.88 feet; thence N 9 00´32"W along other land of the Town of Belchertown, approximately 294 feet; thence N 80 59´28"E a distance of approximately 275.32 feet to a 30" Maple; thence N 85 03´09"E a distance of approximately 124.68 feet to a concrete bound and the point of beginning, the last two courses being along George Hannum Street and containing 3.31 acres more or less.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVI.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to transfer a portion of a certain parcel of land on Springfield Street (a portion of the Weiss property known as the Piper Farm), as shown on Assessor´s Map 13, Lot Number 4, to the Belchertown Housing Authority, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVII.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws, as previously amended, by adding the following: (see entire text in Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXVIII.

Voted to amend the Town By-Law, as previously amended, by adding the following:

a. The Tax Collector shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

b. The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the Town of Belchertown as of the date of issuance of said certificate.

c. Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

d. The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 268, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, M.G.L. Chapter 48, Section 13; bicycle permits, M.G.L. Chapter 85, Section 11A; sales of articles for charitable purposes, M.G.L. Chapter 101 Section 33; children work permits, M.G.L. Chapter 149 Section 69; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 21E; dog licenses, M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 137; fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 12; marriage licenses, M.G.L. Chapter 207 Section 28; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 181.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXIX.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Woodhaven Drive extension and to allow the property to revert to the abutters along said extension,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXX.

Voted that the Town, through its Board of Selectmen, petition the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to relocate Rte. 202 to bypass the center of Town, and that this Town Meeting urge all of the Town Boards and Committees to extend their fullest cooperation and assistance to expedite the completion of this project.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE XXXI.

Voted that the Town, through its Board of Selectmen, petition the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to relocate Rte. 181 to bypass the center of Town, and that this Town Meeting urge all of the Town Boards and Committees to extend their fullest cooperation and assistance to expedite the completion of this project.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority yes vote moved the question. Vote: Yes-252; No-6)

A motion to reconsider Art. XXX was introduced. On point of order, a division was called for on main motion of Art. 31. Vote: Yes-151; No-126; Majority Yes. Motion to reconsider Art. XXX - Division called for: Yes-134; No-137; Majority No.

ARTICLE XXXII.

Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete from the General Residential District the following described land and include the same within the Limited Business District.

Northerly by South Main Street; westerly by land now or formerly of Harvey M. and Doris M. Dickinson; southerly by land now or formerly of James L. and Teresa D. Wertheimer.

Containing one (1.0) acres, more or less, and as referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lot 206, Map 10C, revised to 1/1/86 and

Northerly by South Main Street, westerly by land now or formerly of W. Daniel and Janise G. Fitzpatrick to a point 300 feet from South Main Street southeasterly approximately 80 feet to the abutting property now or formerly owned by Susan Burke; easterly by land now or formerly of Susan Burke.

Containing 0.5 acre, more or less and referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lot 202, Map 10C revised to 1/1/86 and

Northerly by South Main Street; westerly by land now or formerly of Susan B. Burke; southerly by land now or formerly of Harvey M. and Doris M. Dickinson; easterly by land now or formerly of Florence B. Jackson.

Containing one and 3/10 (1.3) acres, more or less, and as referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lot 207, Map 10C, revised to January 1, 1986.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Vote: Yes-161; No-77; Required for 2/3´s = 158)

(Prior to this final vote on this Article, a unanimous yes vote cut off debate.)

At this point in the meeting a motion was made but withddrawn to adjourn the meeting until 7 p.m. on Thursday evening May 14th. It was moved by a majority yes vote to take Article 34 out of order and consider now.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete from the Agricultural and General Residential District the following described land and include the same within the General Business District:

Beginning at an iron pin at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Peter S. Galuszka as recorded in Book 1757, Page 149, Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, said iron pin being also on the westerly sideline of Federal Street (Route 9) as shown on plan entitled "Plan of land in Belchertown surveyed for Joseph S. Duda by R. H. Lamaitre, dated May 10, 1984, in the Town of Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, thence runing

S. 24° 10´31" E. along the westerly sideline of Federal Street a distance of 78.65 feet to a stone bound, thence running S. 25°06´31" E. along the westerly sideline of Federal Street a distance of 199.45 feet to a point at the intersection of the westerly sideline of Federal Street with the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street, thence running S. 52°29´46" W. along the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street a distance of 374.49 feet to a point, thence running N. 37°30´14" W. along a distance of 352.91 feet to a point on the southerly line of lot 16-P in the "Federal Acres" subdivision, thence running N. 66°31´17"E. along the southerly line of Lot 16-P a distance of 177.80 feet to a drill hole, thence running N. 19°17´15" W. along the easterly line of lot 16-Q a distance of 35.48 feet to a drill hole at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of the first-mentioned Peter S. Galuszka, thence running N. 68°29´3" E. alongthe southerly line of land now or formerly of said Galuszka a distance of 261.97 feet to an iron pin on the westerly sideline of Federal Street at the point of beginning.

The above described area containing 2.9800 acres, more or less. and

Delete from the Agricultural District the following described land and include the same within the General Business District:

Beginning at a point on the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street, said point of beginning being also located S. 52°29´46" W. a distance of 374.49 feet from an iron pin at the intersection of the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street with the westerly sideline of Federal Street (Route 9) as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown Surveyed for Joseph S. Duda" by R. H. Lemaitre, dated May 10, 1984, in the Town of Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, thence running S. 52°29´46" W. along the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street a distance of 155.16 feet to an iron pin, thence running S. 52°49´34" W. along the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street a distance of 550.12 feet to an iron pin, thence running S. 53° 29´42" W. along the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street a distance of 473.16 feet to an iron pin, thence running S. 63°02´51" W along the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street a distance of 175.00 feet to a point, thence running N. 29°18´31" W. a distance of 687.42 feet to a point on the southerly line of land now or formerly of Otto M. McClure and Joan A. McClure as recorded in Book 2016, Page 249, Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, thence running N. 78°03´06" E. along the southerly line of land now or formerly of said McClure a distance of 250.00 feet to a drill hole thence running N. 66°57´27" E. along the southerly line of land now or formerly of said McClure and lots 16-J, 16-K, and 16-L of the "Federal Acres" subdivision a total distance of 373.08 feet to a drill hole, thence running

N. 66°51´18" E. along the southerly line of lots 16-L, 16-M, 16-N and 16-O, a total distance of 610.27 feet to a drill hole, thence running N. 66°31´17" E. a distance of 352.91 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of George Hannum Street, at the point of beginning, the above described area containing 15.5345 acres, more or less.

These two parcels referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as being a portion of Lot 24, Map 10A, revised to January 1, 1986.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Vote: Yes-187; No-17; Required for 2/3´s = 136)

(Prior to the final vote on the Article, a unanimous yes vote called the question on the main motion.)

Moved to adjourn to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th, at Chestnut Hill School. Unanimous yes vote.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Registered voters present - 161 (Quorum required - 75)
Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete from Residential District and the Business District the following described lands and include the same within the General Business District:

The land on the easterly side of Federal Street (Route 9, also known as the Belchertown-Amherst Highway), bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the most southerly corner of the premises herein conveyed, on the easterly side of said highway, distant North 22°31´30" West, along said highway, one hundred ninety-six and 00/00 feet (196.00) feet from the southwesterly corner of premises conveyed by Bessie R. Belcher to the Grantors herein, by deed dated October 10, 1940, and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 954, Page 171; and from said point of beginning, running thence:

North 22°31´30" East, along said highway, eleven and 00/000 (11.00) feet to a point at the side of said highway; thence

North 39°47´35" West, along the said highway, four hundred sixteen and 84/100 (416.84) feet to a point at the side of said highway; thence

Northwesterly, along said highway, on a curve to the right with a radius of 970 feet, thirty-four and 10/100 (34.10) feet to an iron pin at the side of said highway, and at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence

North 60°34´03" East, a distance of five hundred seventy three and 21/100 (573.21) feet to an iron pin near a large hickory tree, at the intersection of stone walls, and being the northeasterly corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence

South 20°36´57" West, along a stone wall, two hundred fifty-four and 61/100 (254.61) feet to an iron pin set in said wall; thence

South 3°28´46" West, along said stone wall, two hundred eleven and 07/100 (211.07) feet to an iron pin set in said wall; thence

South 2°35´00" West, along said stone wall, one hundred thirty-four and 73/100 (134.73) feet (this course extending beyond the end of said wall) to an iron pin set in the ground; thence

South 60°45´30" West, a distance of one hundred twelve and 00/100 (112.00) feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning.

and

Beginning at an iron pin in the easterly line of Federal Street, said iron pin being distance northerly measured along the easterly line of said Federal Street one hundred three (103) feet to the southwesterly corner of land conveyed by Bessie R. Belcher to the grantees herein dated October 10, 1940 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 964, Page 171, and running thence North 57°30´ East one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to an iron pin; thence turning an internal angle of 90 and running North 32°30´ West one hundred (100) feet to an iron pin; thence turning an internal angle of 90 and running South 57°30´ West in a line parallel with the first described course one hundred thirty-seven and 9/10 (137.9) feet to an iron pin in the easterly line of Federal Street; thence Southerly along the easterly line of Federal Street one hundred (100) feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Containing three and 2/10 (3.2) acres, more or less and as referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lots 46 and 47, Map 7, revised to January 1, 1986.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXV.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

To add to Section IV. AB Mobile Home Park Residential District, the following:

2. (e) Private or public communication facility, such as: radio or television station or broadcasting facility, transformer station or similar telecommunications facilities.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXVI.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(This article pertained to definitions of various types of structures.)

ARTICLE XXXVII.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(This article would have deleted from Section VI. General Regulations: Accessory Structures, in its entirety and replaced with a new definition.)

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previouslsy amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Add to Section V. Intensity Regulations, the following:

Section V. Intensity Regulations

District	Min. Lot Area/	Frontage/	Front/	Side/	Rear/	Max%
1. General Residential						
a) With public sewers	20,000	120	40	20	30	30%
b) Without public sewers	40,000	140	40	20	40	25%
c) Estate Lots (j)	150,000	50	160/40*	60*	40*	6%
2. Agricultural	40,000	140	40	20	40	30%
a) Estate Lots (j)	150,000	50	160/40*	60*	40*	6%

* see diagram

(j) Estate Lots

1. The purpose of this regulation is to allow for the creation of lots for single-dwelling units only, with less than the required footage in exchange for increased square footage, for the purposes of preservation of open space and decreasing density in given areas.

2. No dwelling unit shall be erected on a lot unless a circle 50´ in diameter can be passed along a continuous line from the frontage of the lot to any point of the proposed dwelling on the lot without the circumference intersecting any side lot lines.

3. No more than two consecutive estate lots located on a public way.

4. The estate lot entrance/driveway shall be clearly designated with a house number sign, not to exceed 6 square feet. Mail boxes shall not suffice. The sign permit shall be issued with the building permit.

5. Frontyard setback refers to the minimum required distance between the dwelling unit and the public way. Secondary frontyard setback refers to the minimum required distance between the dwelling unit and rear-most property line of the lot between the estate lot and the public way.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XXXIX.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Add to Section II. Definitions, the following:

Estate Lot: an area of land containing a minimum of 150,000 square feet with a minimum of fifty (50) feet frontage, and conforms with Section V. (j.) and is used for one (1) single dwelling unit.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XL.

On the motion - To amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the manner described in Article 40 of this Annual Town Meeting warrant and as shown in the Finance Committee´s report (see entire text in Warrant),

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote.
Vote: Yes-70; No-63; Required for 2/3´s = 88.

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a unanimous yes vote moved the question)

(This article if passed would have added a section on Common Drive Development)

ARTICLE XLI.

On the motion as amended - to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, (see entire text in Warrant),

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote.
Vote: Yes-84; No-51; Required for 2/3´s = 90

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place -

- A motion to limit debate to 5 min. was proposed.

- A motion to amend to 5 min. per individual offered; on the amendment - Majority Yes
On motion as amended: Yes-98; No-26; 2/3´s majority yes

- An amendment offered which would have changed S. VIII.,A. 2.

from:

Agriculture (AG)

General Residential with public

sewers (GR-20)

to:

Agriculture (AG)

General Residential with public sewers (GR-20)*
*Note: Under this section of the Zoning By-Law, this shall include all land within the public sewer district.

- An amendment offered which would have changed S. VIII., D.3.b.

from:

Each OSCD application and plan shall conform to the subdivision requirements established under S.IX(C)(1)(b) of the zoning by-law, and to: Each OSCD application and plan shall conform to the submission requirements established under S.IX(c)(1)(b) of the zoning by-law, and

- A motion offered to take no action, but withdrawn

- Scott Nielson was granted permission to address the meeting

- Question was moved: Yes-134; No-3; 2/3's majority yes)

(This article pertained to Section VIII. Open Space, Community Development)

ARTICLE XLII.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: To delete Section VI. Administration, in its entirety and replace with: Section IX. ADMINISTRATION

A. ENFORCEMENT

1. The Planning Board shall be responsible for the interpretation of the intent of this By-Law.

. The Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) shall be the officer responsible for enforcing the provisions of this By-Law. The Board of Selectment, Police Department and the Fire Department shall assist the Building Inspector/ZEO in such enforcement where necessary and appropriate.

3. No structure shall be constructed or changed or change in use, until permit has been issued by the Building Inspector. No structure shall be occupied until a certification of occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector where required.

. The Building Inspector/ZEO shall refuse to issue any permit which would result in a violation of any provision of this By-Law or in a violation of the conditions or terms of any special permit or variance granted by the Special Permit Granting Authority.

5. The Building Inspector/ZEO shall issue a cease and desist order on any work in progress or on the use of any premises, either of which are in violation of the provisions of this By-Law.

6. Constructions or operations under a building or special permit or zoning permit shall conform to any subsequent amendment of this By-Law unless the use or construction is commenced within a period of not more than six (6) months after the issuance of the permit. (Amended STM 2/21/84).

7. Any person or party who believes a violation of the provisions of this By-Law is occurring may notify the ZEO/Building Inspector with a written signed complaint. The correspondence must specify the location and nature of the alleged violation.

The ZEO/Building Inspector shall within fourteen (14) days;

(1) ascertain whether a violation exists,
(2) notify the party requesting enforcement of any actions or refusal to act, and the reasons therefore, and
(3) forward a copy of his correspondence to the Board of Selectmen.

If the ZEO/Building Inspector determines that a violation exists, he shall issue a cease and desist order as described above.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the ZEO/Building Inspector may appeal to the Board of Appeals as explained in Section IX.B. of this By-Law.

The Board of Selectmen may impose a fine on the violator in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each offense. Each day that such a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Any such fines to be enforceable through the Hampshire County Superior Court. The Board of Selectmen shall inform in writing, both the violator and the party requesting enforcement of the following within fourteen (14) days:

(1) The findings of the ZEO/Building Inspector
(2) The action of the Board, and the reasons therefore. (Adopted STM 10/29/79)

B. BOARD OF APPEALS

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of three (3) members and three (3) associate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, as provided by Chapter 40A of the M.G.L. The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

1. Appeals - to hear and decide on an appeal taken by:

(1) any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provision of Chapter 40A of the M.G.L.

(2) the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, or

(3) any person including an officer of the Board of the Town or an abutting city or town, aggrieved by an order of decision of the Building Inspector/ZEO or other administrative official, in violation of any provisions of this By-Law or Chapter 40A of the M.G.L.

2. Variances - to authorize upon appeal, upon petition, with respect to particular land or structures a variance from the terms of this By-Law;

a. Such a variance shall be granted only if all of the following conditions have been met:

(1) Circumstances exist that relate to the soil conditions, shape or topography of the land or structures and especially affect such land or structures but do not generally affect the zoning district in which it is located.

(2) Literal enforcement of the By-Law will result in a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise.

(3) That desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the By-Law.

b. All applications for variances shall be made in writing on forms furnished by the Board of Appeals and located in the Town Clerk´s office and shall be accompanied by a plan indicating the following:

(1) Location of premises showing dimensions, abutting properties with owners name and address, abutting and nearby streets and ways and the zoning of all properties shown.

(2) Location and dimension of all proposed structures.

c. If the rights authorized by the variance are not exercised within one (1) year from the date such variance was granted, they shall lapse and may be re-established according to Chapter 40A of the M.G.L.

d. Variances shall only be issued following a public hearing held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 10 and 11 of the M.G.L. (Adopted STM 10/29/79)

C. SPECIAL PERMITS

The Planning Board, the Board of Appeals, or the Board of Selectmen, whichever the Zoning By-Law designates as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for a particular class of special permits, shall hear and decide applications thereof. If there is no designation as to the SPGA, then the Board of Appeals shall be the SPGA. Any application for a special permit shall be addressed to the designated authorizing board and shall be filed by the applicant with the Town Clerk, who shall record the date thereon and at once transmit a copy to the authorizing board.

1. Special Permits --- to issue a special permit for an exception under the following conditions:

(a) The SPGA shall grant special permits which are (1) found not to be detrimental to the established or future character of the Town and the neighborhood; (2) will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of the Zoning District in which it is located; and (3) are in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this By-Law. Conditions, safeguards and limitations on time or use may be imposed when deemed appropriate.

(b) All applications for special permits shall be made in writing on forms furnished by the SPGA and located in the Town Clerk´s office and shall be accompanied by the following and any other information as required elsewhere in this By-Law:

1. Location of premises showing dimensions, abutting properties with name and address of owners, abutting and nearby streets and ways and the zoning of all properties shown;

2. Location and dimensions of all proposed structures including signs and other advertising devices;

3. Location and number of parking spaces and loading accommodations;

4. Location of all wetlands, streams and water bodies;

5. Pedestrian and vehicular circulation, with particular attention given to their safety, convenience, ingress and egress;

6. Potentially hazardous situations involving the effects of noise, odor, glare or vibrations on properties in the area;

7. Type and location of all proposed outdoor lighting;

8. Where appropriate, the location and type of material proposed for buffers and screening;

9. Topography.

Misrepresentation of any of the required plan items shall be cause to revoke a special permit.

(c) In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L., special permits issued by a SPGA shall require a two-thirds vote of boards with more than five members; a vote of at least four members of a five member board, and a unanimous vote of a three member board.

(d) All special permits shall lapse within two (2) years from the date the permit was granted, unless noted otherwise within this By-Law and unless substantial use or construction has commenced.

(e) In the case of a lawful non-conforming use which exists on the effective date of this By-Law in a district where such uses require a special permit, such use shall be deemed to have received its special permit. Such permit shall be without limitations, except for those requirements which may have been imposed on said use on the effective date hereafter.

(f) The SPGA shall submit one (1) copy of said application and plan to all appropriate boards (Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission) for their review. Said Boards shall make recommendations as they deem appropriate and shall send copies thereof to the SPGA in accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L.

(g) If the requested use is within the Wetlands Protection District or the Flood Plain District, the applicant shall submit a Determination of Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 132, Section 40). If the determination has been made by the Conservation Commission that the terms of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act are applicable, the SPGA shall condition any special permit on the submission of the Order of Conditions, as described in that Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40).
(Adopted STM 2/23/81)

(h) Special permits shall only be issued following a public hearing held in accordance with Chapter 40A of M.G.L., Section 9 & 11.

(i) No special permits may be authorized for a use or activity not generally permitted in the district in which the land or structure is located.

D. AMENDMENT

This By-Law may be amended at an Annual or Special Town Meeting in accorance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the M.G.L.

E. VALIDITY

The validity of any section of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Vote: Yes-91; No-33; Required for 2/3´s = 82)

ARTICLE XLVI.

Voted to accept the following amendment to the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended,
Amend Section IV.J.5.a to read as follows:
Excavation for removal of earth, sand, gravel and other soils shall not extend closer than five (5) feet above the annual high groundwater table. A monitoring well shall be installed by the landowner to show groundwater elevations. This section shall not apply to uses incidental to permitted uses, including but not limited to providing for the installation or

maintenance of structural foundations, freshwater ponds, utility conduits or on-site sewage disposal. (l) Access road(s) to extractive operation sites shall include a gate or other secure mechanism to restrict public access to the site.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Vote: Yes-92; No-40; Required for 2/3´s = 88)

A motion to reconsider Article 41 was out of order, as mover did not vote on prevailing side.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 1, 1987

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Town Moderator Joseph R. White. A quorum was delcared to be present.

The Town Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Invocation offered by Father John Ayers, Pastor of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church.

Recess declared at 7:41 p.m. to allow citizens outdoors in line to enter the meeting.

Meeting was recessed to Saturday, June 20th, at 9 a.m. at Chestnut Hill Middle School. 8:45 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 20, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.
Registered voters present - 1910 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant, and offered the Invocation.
The Chair recognized Kenneth Rhodes, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who welcomed people and reminded people of the Special Town Meeting on June 22, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at Chestnut Hill School.

Moderator recognized Bernard Kubiak, Selectman, who moved as follows:

In order not to unnecessarily detain the people present and to conduct the meeting in an expeditious manner, I move to suspend the rules as follows:
Motion A -

1) Discussion on all three articles may occur during the discussion period.

2) Total discussion on the motions shall be limited to one hour following the report of the Planning Board and its staff.

3) After the Planning Board´s recommendations, no speaker shall speak to the issue more than once or for more than three minutes.

4) No votes on the main motions may be reconsidered by the meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on Motion A, the Moderator ruled out of order its provision that "When discussion ends, the voting will proceed on all three motions without any intervening discussions.")

Motion B -

Moved to fix the method of voting as follows:

1) The vote on Article 1 shall be by secret ballot.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 1.

On the motion - To amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the manner just described by the Moderator (see entire text in Warrant).

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote.
Vote: Yes-841; No-1027; Required for 2/3´s = 1246.

(Prior to the final vote on this Article; and after a report by the Planning Board, a report by the Town Planner, and other discussion, a majority yes vote moved the question.
Vote: Yes-1654; No-10)

(This Article pertained to Limited Industrial District regulations and the CVRR´s proposal)

ARTICLE 2.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the Article, two motions were proposed but ruled out of order by the Moderator: the first moved to withdraw motion without prejudice, the second to take no action. A motion was then proposed and seconded to amend the Zoning Map as just read by the Moderator, followed by the finally voted motion to take no action.)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted a piece of land from the Agricultural District and included the same within the Limited Industrial District. This Article pertained to the CVRR´s proposal.)

ARTICLE 3.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article if passed would have deleted from the Agricultural District portions of land and included the same within the Limited Business District. This article pertained to the CVRR´s proposal.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 22, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Registered voters present - 190 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Selectman Herbert Squires thanked George Jackson for donating the use of the tent for last Saturday´s town meeting.

ARTICLE 1.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $392.92 to pay the following unpaid bill of a prior year:

Hope United Methodist Church	$392.92

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3.

Voted to accept Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for the Establishment of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, as adopted at a regular meeting of the Pathfinder District School Committee on January 21, 1987, as follows:

"Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1986, the Agreement among the towns of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer, Massachusetts, as amended. Pursuant to which the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District was established and now operates is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Section VII. By deleting the last sentence where it appears and inserting therefore the sentence, "Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all the member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid, except that an amendment changing the terms of this agreement relating to applications of another city or town for admission to the district shall require the acceptance by two-thirds of the member towns."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3.

Voted to accept an amendment to the Agreement establishing the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District (the "District") as proposed by vote of the District School Committee adopted on April 8, 1987. The amendment provides for the admission of the Town of Ware as a new member town. The amendment specifies in substance (a) that Ware will have one member of the School Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the local School Committee, acting jointly, to serve until the next annual District election, at which a successor shall be elected from the Town of Ware to serve for a term of three years from such election: (b) that all members of the District School Committee shall be elected by all the voters of the District at an annual District election to be held in several sessions, one such session to be held in each member town on the same day as the annual town election, with each member town having a population of less than 10,000 persons according to the most recent decennial national census being entitled to one member and each member town having a population of 10,000 persons or more according to said census being entitled to two members. The members of the District School Committee incumbent on the effective date of such amendment shall hold office until the year in which their terms expire and until their successors have been elected and qualified. After the effective date of such amendment, in every year in which the term of office of a member expires, there shall be elected to membership on the District School Committee one resident of the same town as that of the member whose term has expired, to serve for a term of three years from the date of his or her election; (c) that for the first year of its membership a new member town will contribute as its entire share of the operating costs of the District for such year an amount equal to what it would pay if the students from the new town enrolled in the regional district school where tuition pupils, and the new member town will also be responsible for all the transportation costs of those students. After its first year of membership a new town will pay its share of operating costs and capital costs apportioned in accordance with Section IV of the Agreement, except that, as reimbursement to the original members of the District for their payments of capital costs on the original regional district school building, each new member town will pay to the District for a period of five years, commencing with the second year of the new town´s membership and continuing through the sixth year of such membership, an annual surcharge of $92,000.00; (d) for the admission as of July 1, 1987 of the Town of Ware if it votes to accept the amended District Agreement, following the acceptance by each of the existing member towns of the amendment admitting the Town of Ware.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4.

Voted, subject to the admission of the Town of Ware as a new member town of the District, to approve the amount of the $5.5 million debt authorized on April 29, 1987 by the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of reconstruction, remodeling and constructing an addition to the regional district school, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Town join in the petition of the District for a special act of the General Court authorizing the State Board of Education to approve a grant to the District in an amount equal to at least 75% of the approved costs of such project.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to allow the property formerly known as Woodhaven Drive Extension to revert to the abutters along said former extension -

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6.

On the motion - To amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the manner just read by the Moderator (see entire text in Warrant),

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote.
Vote: Yes-78; No-73; Required for 2/3´s = 100.

(This article if passed would have deleted from the General Residential District a parcel of land on the westerly side of Federal Street for Peter S. Galuszka, and included the same within the Limited Business District.)

ARTICLE 7.

On the motion - To amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the manner just described by the Moderator (see entire text in Warrant)

the vote was Unanimous No.

(This article if passed would have deleted from the General Residential District a parcel of land on the westerly side of Federal Street for David McCollom, and included the same within the Limited Business District.)

ARTICLE 8.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted from General Residential District a parcel of land on the westerly side of Federal Street for David & Martha Barrett, and included same within the Limited Business District.)

ARTICLE 9.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted from General Residential District a parcel of land on the westerly side of Federal Street for Stephen G. Whitlock, and included same within the Limited Business District.)

ARTICLE 10.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Mapa, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted from General Residential District a parcel of land on the westerly side of Federal Street for Stephen G. Whitlock, and included same within the Limited Business District.)

ARTICLE 11.

On the article - To see if the Town will voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (see entire text in Warrant),

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(This article, if passed, would have deleted from General Residential a parcel of land on the easterly side of North Main Street for Donald & Shirley Aldrich, and included same within the General Business District.)

Meeting dissolved at 8:34 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 23, 1987

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was declared to be present. A ten minute recess was declared in order to allow voters in line to be admitted.
The Town Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Registered Voters present - 369 (Quorum required - 75)

Kenneth Rhodes, Chairman, introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen; William G. Whitlock, Eleanor Green, and Betsy Lane, Counsel.
Linda Barron, Chairman, introduced members of the Finance Committee.
Carmine Angeloni, Chairman, introduced members of the Planning Board, and Town Planner James Mazik.
Kenneth Rhodes recognized championship seasons of Belchertown Eagles, Senior & Junior Cheerleaders, Jr. Eagles.

ARTICLE 1.

Voted to appropriate from the Assessors Expense Account the sum of $1,600.00 to the Assessors Wage Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2.

Voted to sell by sealed proposal a 1968 Ford dump truck and a 1977 Dodge van and if unsuccessful, to junk them.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3.

Voted to establish a Revolving Fund for the purpose of funding the annual Belchertown Fair and to appropriate to that Fund the sum of $1,009.47 from the unexpended balance in the donation account and the sum of $600.00 in the general fund from booth rental receipts of the 1987 Fair.

ARTICLE 4.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $5,071.44 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior fiscal year:

Kopelman and Paige	$5,061.40
L.O.P.C.	10.04

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $45,000.00 to the Veteran's Benefits Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to the Highway Personal Services Wage Account for the purpose of employing a mechanic.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7.

Voted to appropriate from the Council on Aging Capital Expenditure Account the sum of $2,689.00 to the Freezer Building Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,800.00 as the Town share of a grant for a DPW study.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $8,100.00 to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 10.

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to assume the maintenance responsibility for a cemetery located at the corner of South Street and Three Rivers Road, (see entire text on Warrant)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 11.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $103,000.00 for a computer system.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 12.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $4,500.00 to the Insurance Account and the sum of $1,100.00 to the Ambulance Expense Account for the purpose of implementing a newly organized Belchertown Emergency Ambulance Service.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 13.

Voted to accept the report of the Hampshire County Charter Commission.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)
(JoAnne Newman presented the report of the Hampshire County Charter Commission.)

ARTICLE 14.

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, or by any other means, a certain parcel of land in Belchertown owned by Gerald E. Weiss of New York City, New York, or his successors, the parcel of land shown as Lot 4 on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA, Surveyed for the Belchertown Board of Selectmen, Scale 1"=100' July 8, 1987", in deeds recorded in Book 1620, page 212, and in Book 1630, Page 212, and Book 1630, Page 201, being the same parcels described in previous votes of May 12, 1986 (Article XXVI), and November 17, 1986 (Article X), for municipal and/or recreational purposes, to be in the custody and control of the Board of Selectmen and to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $31,000.00 to be used in conjunction with the balance of $179,000.00 of the $185,000.00 of Stabilization Fund monies voted on May 12, 1986 to effect such acquisition.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 15.

Voted to accept the sum of $80,661.00 of E.E.O.G. funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 16.

Voted to exchange parcels of land with Christopher H. and Deborah D. Rice as described in Warrant Article 16 of this

Special Town Meeting and to allow such exchange to change the purpose and custody of the Town owned land which is described as the first parcel in Article 16 from being held by the School Committee for school purposes to being held by the School Committee for conveyance, and to authorize the School Committee to convey to Christopher H. and Deborah D. Rice said parcel in exchange for the second described parcel in Article 16 now owned by Christopher H. and Deborah D. Rice.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 17.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $85,000.00 to the Schools #3000 account for transportation costs.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18.

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $249,311.00 to the following accounts for negotiated salary needs:

Schools #1000	$ 6,516.00
Schools #2000	204,793.00
Schools #3000	12,089.00
Schools #4000	25,913.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19.

On the article - To see if the Voters will authorize and direct the Selectmen to expend a sum of money and to take other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to control and remove algae, weeds, and other nuisances and pollutants from Lake Metacomet and Lake Arcadia.

it was voted to refer to Conversation Commission and Board of Selectmen for further study and cost estimates, report to be made by March 1, 1988.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 20.

On the article - To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectmen to expend a sum of money and to enter into such contracts and agreements as they shall deem appropriate to repair, alter, improve, or construct such canals and other water control and discharge systems at Lake Metacomet or Lake Arcadia as may be necessary or appropriate to proper management and control of algae, weeds, and other nuisances and pollutants in Lake Metacomet and Lake Arcadia,

it was voted to refer to Conversation Commission and Board of Selectmen for further study and cost estimates, report to be made by March 1, 1988.

ARTICLE 21.

On the motion - To amend the By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by deleting in its entirety Article IX (9) entitled "Belchertown Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board",

it was voted "Majority No"

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority yes vote cut off debate. Vote: Yes-281; No-19)

ARTICLE 22.

On the motion - To amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the manner shown in Article 22 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant (see entire text in Warrant),

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote.
Vote: Unanimous No

(This article, if passed, would have deleted from the Agricultural District and included the same within the Business District, a parcel on Route 9 owned by John Markum.)

ARTICLE 23.

On the motion - To amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the manner shown in Article 23 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant (see entire text in Warrant),

it failed to receive the necessary 2/3´s majority vote.
Vote: Yes-60; No-112; Required for 2/3´s = 114.

(This article if passed would have deleted from the Agricultural District and included the same within the Business District, a parcel on Amherst Road.)

ARTICLE 24.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescibed manner:

Add to the Zoning By-Law:

(See attached seven (7) sheets on reverse side containing Article 24)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

1. Section VII. Common Drive Development

A. Overview

1. Definition

A "Common Drive Development" is a tract of land divided into two or more lots with each lot having legal frontage on an existing public way and having access obtained through the common use of a private way (common drive) designed according to reduced subdivision standards and in conformance with Section VII of this By-Law.

2. Intent

It is the intent of Section VII. Common Drive Development of the Belchertown Zoning By-Law to provide for an optional, minor, residential development alternative to conventional subdivision development, suitable for some backland tracts.

B. Authority

The Belchertown Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority for all purposes under this section and shall adopt rules and regulations with respect to the administration of applications or special permits under this section, subject to the conditions set forth below and in accordance with the provisions of S. IX of this By-Law, and M.G.L. Ch. 40A S. 9 and S.11.

C. Standards

The "common drive" of a Common Drive Development may be constructed to standards less exacting than those applicable to the way(s) of a conventional subdivision in Belchertown, provided that the Planning Board finds that the terrain, soil conditions, and underlying geology are suitable for development with reduced engineering standards.

The following regulations shall apply to a Common Drive Development:

1. The Common Drive:
a) shall not be extended,
b) shall not be connected to any other way except where it originates,
c) shall not serve more than six (6) lots, and
d) shall be accessed from the same public way which serves as frontage for the lots in the Common Drive Development, unless unique circumstances presented to the Planning Board are such that the Board may grant permission to access the common drive off a public way not fronting any lot in the Common Drive Development.

2. Lots shall be served by the common drive if and only if ownership of a lot provides membership to an automatic-membership homes association responsible for annual and long-term maintenance including, but not limited to, removal of snow on the common drive.

3. A Common Drive Development shall only be allowed for single-dwelling residential use.

4. Each lot must have adequate legal frontage, according to the Zoning in effect at the time of submission, on the existing public way and also on the common drive.

5. The developer of a Common Drive Development shall demonstrate to the Planning Board that the construction of a Common Drive Development shall:

a.) create less adverse impact to wetlands located on the lots or similar environmental degredation, or

b.) allow reasonable, safer and less environmentally damaging access to the lots based on steep slopes or a similar environmental constraint, or

c.) result in the preservation of the rural quality of the area through the reduction in access ways, increase in front yard setbacks, and maintenance of existing vegetative and topographical conditions.

D. Administration

1. Special Permit Granting Authority

After notice and public hearing in accordance with Section 9 of the Zoning Act (M.G.L. Ch. 40A, S. 9), the Planning Board may after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer grant such a special permit provided that the conditions in Section VII. C. and requirements of Section VII.D.2. have been adequately met.

2. Submission Requirements

The application for a Special Permit pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a site plan showing all of the applicable information required for a definitive subdivision plan as specified in Section 5.03 (1)-(22) of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Rules and Regulations and according to the following design standards:

a. Location and Alignment

All ways within a Common Drive Development shall conform to Sections 6.01-1 (a), (b), (3), and (h) of the Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

b. Width

ITEM	REQUIREMENT
Common Drive Right of Way	50 feet *
Width of Common Drive plus Shoulders	24 feet
Width of Gravel Base	24 feet **
Width of Finished Surface	18 feet ***

* the center line of the common drive shall coincide with the center line of the common drive right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

** the minimum width of the common drive (gravel base) shall be 24 feet, except where the common drive serves no more than two (2) lots, the width may be reduced to sixteen (16) feet.

*** a gravel surface may be allowed if the common drive serves no more than two (2) lots and/or complies with S. VII. D. 2. (h) (ii).

c. Grades

Same as S.6.01(3) of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

d. Horizontal Alignment

Same as S.6.01(4) of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

e. Intersections

Same as S.6.01(5) of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

f. Easements

Easements for utilities and drainage shall be provided where necessary and shall be at least twenty (20) feet in width, except that wider easements may be required by the Board where deemed necessary.

g. Site and Earthwork

Earthwork may comply with S. 7.01(a)-(g) and (i) of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Compaction must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Highway Superintendent.

h. Pavement Structure

(i) The common drive surface may have a gravel finish if its slope is between the permitted minimum and 5% inclusive except where it is the opinion of the Planning Board that the terrain and design results in water being carried along the drive surface (rather than sheeting off at right angles to it), in which case the surface shall be sealed or paved as the Board requires. The drive may have a sealed surface for grades up to 8% inclusive, except where soil and potential erosion conditions are such that it is the opinion of the Board that a heavier-wear surface is needed. Grades over 8%, and others as required by the Board, shall be paved in accordance with Section 7.02 of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

(ii) Gravel finish shall be at least 4 inch thick, compacted measure. It shall be of a composition suitable, in the opinion of the Board, for the actual drainage conditions and shall contain no stones larger than 1 1/2 inches in size. Where the subbase is firm, well-drained gravel the Planning Board may permit the substitution of a 4 inch layer of finish gravel for the upper 4 inches of the gravel base. In no event will the total gravel thickness be less than 12 inches.

If it is in the opinion of the Planning Board that a gravel surface or sealed surface is inadequate due to soil and potential erosion conditions, then a heavier-wear surface will be required.

(iii) A common drive that is to be sealed shall be scraped and shaped and the gravel base upgraded as required by the Planning Board and Highway Superintendent. The sealed surface shall consist of a layer of 3/8" stone, two penetration coats of oil at 1/2 gal./sq.yd., and one sealer coat of oil at 1/3 gal./sq.yd.

i. Monuments and Markers

Same as S.7.09(a)-(d) of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

j. Drainage

The drainage design shall consist of a closed drainage system in accordance with S.7.17 of the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations or an open drainage system consisting of grassed swales and waterways or overland sheet flow if appropriate. Outlets from the drainage swales should be directed to enter the nearest stream or wetland. Stormwater shall not be permitted to cross over the common drive.

(i) Construction:
Trees, brush, stumps, and other material

in objectionable amounts are to be disposed of so as not to interfere with construction or proper functioning.

The channel section is to be free of bank projections or other irregularities which prevent normal flow.

The waterway or outlet shall be excavated or shaped to line, grade and cross section as required to meet the criteria specified herein, free of bank projections or the irregularities which will impede normal flow.

Earth removed and not needed in construction is to be spread or disposed of so as not to interfere with the functioning of the waterway.

Fills are to be compacted as needed to prevent unequal settlement that will cause damage in the completed waterway.

(ii) Vegetation:
Waterways or outlets shall be protected against erosion by vegetative means as soon afer construction as practical and before diversions or other channels are outletted into them. Consideration should be given to jute matting, excelsior matting, or sodding of channel to provide erosion protection as soon after construction as possible.

k. Maintenance

The common drive is established as private property. Maintenance after formal completion is the responsibility of the automatic-homes association which must be created under S. VIII. C. 2., to assume the responsibility for long-term maintenance and snow removal.

i. Name

Each Common Drive Development will be assigned a name as approved by the Planning Board and applicant.

m. Signs

A sign not to exceed 6 square feet per S. VI. E. of the Belchertown Zoning By-Law shall be placed at the intersection of the common drive and the public way. The sign bearing the name of the Common Drive Development shall also include the designation "Private Way" as well as the house numbers off the private way.

n. Restrictions

The site plan shall identify as such all land that is to be held and administered by an automatic-homes associations. It shall bear restrictions satsifactory to the Planning Board, to run with the land, restricting the way shown to remain private property and not to be extended, and any other restrictions and easements that are required for the Common Drive Development by these Rules. It shall incorporate by reference the documents, satisfactory to the Board, creating the automatic-homes associations, and setting forth permanent responsibility for any common land and for maintenance and snow removal on the common drive. Said documents shall be recorded with the site plan and all public utility and drainage easements in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

o. Fees

Filing fee to be determined by the Planning Board.

p. Performance Guarantee

The construction of the common drive and the installation of utility services and improvements shall be provided to serve any lot in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Section of the Zoning By-Law beforesuch lot may be built upon or conveyed, other than by mortgage deed, provided that a mortgagee who acquires title to the mortgaged premises by foreclosure or otherwise and any succeeding owner of the mortgaged premises or part thereof may sell any such lot, subject only to that portion of this covenant which provides that no lot so sold shall be built upon until said common drive, services and improvements have been provided to serve such lot.

E. Inspection

1. The common drive shall be inspected prior to each construction step by the Town Engineer, Highway Superintendent, or other duly appointed representatives of the Planning Board.

2. In lieu of E.1., the developer's engineer shall certify in writing, after each construction step, that construction of the road is in substantial accordance with the approved plan and typical cross-section.

F. Future Change

If the automatic-homes association votes to petition the Town for acceptance of the common drive as a public way, the common drive must be brought up to standard to conform with the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Rules and Regulations for the construction and laying of ways.

G. Time Period

A Special Permit granted under this section shall lapse within eighteen (18) months if substantial construction has not begun by such date except for a good cause shown and approved by the Planning Board.

H. As-Built Plans

A revised "recordable" mylar of the original submittal showing the actual existing "as-built" conditions shall be submitted to the Planning Board upon completion of the common drive.

and,

2. Add to Section II. Definitions:

Common Drive Development: a tract of land divided into two or more lots with each lot having legal frontage on an existing public way and having access obtained through the common use of a private way designed according to reduced subdivision standards and in conformance with Section VII of this By-Law.

and,

3. Renumber S.VII Administration to S.IX Administration and make all other necessary cross-reference changes.

ARTICLE 25.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Add to the Zoning By-Law:

(See attached nine (9) sheets below containing Article 25)
(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Vote: Yes-128; No-9; Required for 2/3's = 91)

Section VIII. Open Space Community Development

A. OVERVIEW

1. This section of the by-law permits one type of open space community development for residential purposes. This method is:

Cluster Development

2. In order to insure development which is compatible with the purpose and intent of this by-law, this development method must conform to the standards and comply with all appropriate criteria herein described. This development method applys only to residential development and may be allowed via special permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority in the following zoning districts:

a. Agriculture/General Residential with public sewers (AG/GR-20)

3. The development allowed under this section of the by-law shall conform to the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

B. PURPOSE

The objectives of the Open Space Community Development (OSCD) are two-fold:

* To set aside and preserve large tracts of land as open space as specified in S. VIII B. 1-3, VIII. G. and S. VIII H. of this Zoning By-Law, and,

* To allow the relatively intensive use of land in an alternative pattern of development while maintaining existing character and by which the following benefits and objectives are likely to be attained.

1. Cluster

AG/GR-20:

a. Provision of a diversity of housing stock in Belchertown.

b. Economical and efficient street, utility, and public facility installation, construction, and maintenance through creative design.

c. Development that will permit the Town to continue to provide the quality of municipal services without imposing an increased burden on the citizens of Belchertown.

d. Efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features.

e. Preservation of water bodies and supplies, wetlands, woodlands, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, sites and structures of historical importance, and areas of scenic beauty.

f. Preservation of open space areas for active and passive recreational use, including the provision of neighborhood parks/playgrounds.

C. DEFINITION

1. Automatic Homeowner's Association: A nonprofit organization consisting of homeowners or owners of dwelling units in which membership into said organization is automatic and mandatory. The function of a homeowners association is the maintenance of common areas and other facilities and the provision of services to residents.

2. Building Envelope: That portion of the development tract which is to be used for the construction of dwelling units, accessory structures, parking area, roads and other permissible uses.

3. Common Wall: That portion of a structure that separates vertically one dwelling unit from another. All common walls shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements as set forth in the State Building Code, 780 CMR. with particular attention paid to fire separation and sound transmission.

4. Cluster Development: A residential development in which the building and accessory uses are clustered together into one or more groups, on lots which have less area and dimensional setback requirements than standard lots, and which are separated from adjacent property and other groups within the development by intervening open land.

5. Development Schedule: A schedule of the rate of construction and the sequence of improvements to be built or furnished in the OSCD site defined by stages where applicable.

6. Development Tract: The parcel or parcels of land to be considered as the site of an OSCD. The development tract shall include both open space land and building envelope.

7. Dwelling-Unit, Attached: A single dwelling unit connected on one side to an adjacent single dwelling unit by a party wall as described in Article 2, Section 200.0 of the State Building Code, 780 CMR.

8. Dwelling-Unit Detached: A single or two dwelling unit which stands alone and has no party walls or walls in common with an adjacent single or two dwelling unit or its accessory structure(s), if any.

9. Housing Type: There are two housing types; single-dwelling unit and two-dwelling units in an OSCD.

10. Open Space Community Development: An Open Space Community Development (OSCD) shall mean a Cluster Development.

11. Open Space Land: A restricted area of land or an area of water, or a combination of land and water within a development tract, designed and intended for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of an OSCD and/or the general public, and owned or controlled by the OSCD residents or an organization controlled thereby, the Town of Belchertown, or a non-profit conservation-oriented organization.

12. Party Wall: A fire wall on an interior lot line used or adapted for joint service between two (2) buildings. All party walls shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements as set forth in the State Building Code, 780 CMR.

13. Stage of Development: The work to be done and the number of structures to be built within any of the time limits defined by the development schedule.

14. Wetland: Wetland shall mean to include water areas and other land in any of the following categories:

a). All areas defined as wetland under M.G.L. Ch. 131. S. 40, Wetlands Protection Act.

b.) All lands within the Wetland Protection District as described in S. IV. F. of the Zoning By-Law as adopted at a Special Town Meeting 10-29-79, as may be amended from time to time.

c.) All lands within the Flood Plain District as described in S. IV. I of this Zoning By-Law as adopted at a Special Town Meeting 2-23-81, Amended 5-18-81, as may be amended from time to time.

15. Zero Lot Line: The provision of zero (0) feet interior sideyard setback so as to allow for the placement of a single dwelling unit and its accessory structure(s), if any, to abut the adjacent interior side property line and share a party wall with the adjacent single dwelling unit.

D. ADMINISTRATION

1. Special Permit Granting Authority
The Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority as authorized under S. VIII and S. IX of this By-Law, M.G.L., Ch. 40A, S. 9 and S. 11, and M.G.L. Ch. 41 S.81I.

2. Relation to Subdivision Control Law
To facilitate timely processing better communication, and avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit conceptual materials for informal review by the Planning Board prior to formal application for a special permit. These materials can include alternative OSCD or conventional subdivision designs.

a. OSCD with future public ways:

Application for a Special Permit proposing roads to become public ways shall be accompanied by a site plan with all appropriate information as required on a Preliminary Subdivision Plan. Simultaneous submission of a special permit application and a preliminary subdivision plan will expedite the decision-making process.

b. OSCD with future private ways:

Application for a Special Permit proposing roads to remain private ways shall be accompanied by a site plan with all appropriate information as required on a Preliminary Subdivision Plan. All roads, parking areas, drainage facilities and similar improvements shall be constructed in accordance with the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

c. Planning Board approval of a special permit for a cluster development under this section of the Zoning By-Law shall not substitute for compliance with the subdivision control law (M.G.L. Ch. 41 S. 81K - 81GG), nor oblige the Planning Board to approve any related definitive plan for subdivision, nor reduce any time periods for Board consideration under that Law.

3. Submission Requirements

a. Each OSCD special permit application and plan shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements for a Preliminary Subdivision Plan as described in the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Regulations, and

b. Each OSCD application and plan shall conform to the submission requirements established under S. LX (C)(1)(b) of the Zoning By-Law, and

c. Each OSCD application and plan shall provide the following additional information:

(i) The location and acreage of areas to be devoted to specific uses,

(ii) The proposed location of parks, open spaces and other public or community uses,

(iii) Municipal sewer system developments: Written approval certifying tie-in to municipal sewage system from the Belchertown Sewer Commission.

(iv) The organization which the applicant proposes to form to own and maintain the residential and/or open space land, including forms and plans to be used to organize the same. This organization should be in the form of an automatic homeowner´s association (see S. VIII. C. 1.).

(v) Copies of all proposed covenants, easements, and other restrictions which the applicant proposes to grant to the Town, utility companies, and owner(s) of the dwelling units, including plans of land to which they are intended to apply.

(vi) A proposed development schedule showing the beginning of construction, the rate of construction and development, including stages, if applicable, and the estimated date of completion.

(vii) Information regarding the number and kind of dwelling units proposed, including their location, height, and size and the number of parking spaces required and the number made available.

(viii) Proposed density of building envelope, proposed gross density of entire development tract, amount of open space required, and amount of open space retained.

(ix) A plan shall also be provided which shows the number of potential lots which could be created and built upon for residential purposes via a conventional residential subdivision. (see S. VIII. E.2.).

(x) Any and all other information from the Definitive Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Belchertown that the Plannig Board may require to assist in determining whether the proposed open space community development meets the objectives and standards set forth in this section of the Zoning By-Law.

4. Review and Approval Process

a. After notice and public hearing in accordance with Section 9 of the Zoning Act (M.G.L. Ch. 40A. S. 9.), the Planning Board may after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Town Engineer, grant a special permit provided that the conditions and standards of this section of the Zoning By-Law have been adequately met.

b. A special permit granted under this section of the Zoning By-Law shall lapse within eighteen (18) months if construction has not begun or is not continuing to proceed, except for a good cause shown and approved by the Planning Board.

c. Subsequent approval by the Planning Board of such portions of an OSCD as constitutes a subdivision will be required as set forth in the Subdivision Control Law (M.G.L. Ch. 41 S. 81K - 81GG). A granting of the Special Permit by the Planning Board shall not be deemed to constitute subdivision approval under the Subdivision Control Law of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board.

5. Fees

a. OSCD to become a public way:

- Same as current Special Permit filing fee, and
- Compliance with Town of Belchertown Subdivision Fee Schedule.

b. OSCD to remain a private way:

- Same as Definitive Subdivision Plan filing fee, and
- Definitive Subdivision plan construction fee, and
- Applicant to pay for any required Town Engineering Service (plan review time).

E. CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

1. Permitted Uses and Standards

a. A single dwelling unit (detached) a single-dwelling unit (attached) a two-dwelling unit (detached), or other lawful accessory building may be constructed on certain lots in a cluster development although such lots have less area, frontage and rear yard dimensions than required for standard single- or two-dwelling unit lots.

b. The Open Space Community Development Dimensional Standards as specified in S. VIII. G. I. of the Zoning By-Law shall be compled with.

c. No more than 20% of the total number of principal structures shall be located with two-dwelling units.

d. The development tract for which a cluster development is proposed shall be in single ownership or control at the time of application and shall not be less than the minimum size as specified in S. VIII. G. I. of this Zoning By-Law.

e. A cluster development shall be permitted at the discretion of the Planning Board, as the Special Granting Authority, only on a tract of land which has access and will be connected to public sewer.

f. In determining the allowed number of units, fractions over one-half may be increased to the nearest whole unit, and fractions under one-half shall be decreased to the nearest whole unit.

2. Density

The maximum allowed density for a cluster development shall not exceed that of the Zoning District where the tract is located. The applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that the number of building lots created is no more than that which could be created through a conventional residential subdivision. In determining the conventional subdivision residential buildable area, all non-usable land must be extracted including roadways and wetlands.

This information should be shown on a separate plan of a conventional residential subdivision for the tract of land being considered adhering to the requirements of the Zoning District within which it lies.

F. OPEN SPACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

1. CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS

Zoning District:

Agriculture:

Min. Size Parcel: 10 acres
Min. Lot Size: 10,000 ft^2
Min. Open Space/Lot: 10,000 ft^2
Min. Lot Frontage: 80/60 ft^A
Min. Setback (feet)
Front-Rear-Side: 30 - 20 - 20/0^B
Max. Bldg.Lot Coverage: 20%
Max. Bldg. Height: 2 1/2 stories
Min. Lot Width: 80^C
Dwelling Unit
Districtuion: 20% 2-DW, Maximum ^{D}
Max. Units/Bldg.: 2

Gen. Res. w/public sewer (AG/GR-20)

(contigious)

A. Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of eighty (80) feet on a public or private way, except that a lot on a cul-de-sac or curve may have frontage of not less than sixty (60) feet, provided that the distance between side lot lines at the minimum front yard setback of thirty (30) feet is at least eighty (80) feet.

B. Single-dwelling unit, detached-20′ setback; single-dwelling unit, attached-0′ setback allowed, two-dwelling unit, detached-20′ setback; two-dwelling unit, attached - not allowed.

C. Measured from side yard to side yard (between front yard setback and rear lot line).

D. No more than 20% of the principal structures shall be two-dwelling units.

G. OPEN SPACE LAND

1. All open space land as required shall either (1) be conveyed to the Town of Belchertown and be accepted by it for park, open space, or agricultural use, (2) be conveyed to a non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and related activities, or (3) be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots or residential units within the development. If such a corporation of trust is utilized, as indicated herein, ownership thereof shall pass with convyance of the lots or residential units. Under the second and third ownership alternatives listed above, a restruction enforceable by the Town of Belchertown shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state, including agricultural uses and not to be built upon for residential use or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadway.

2. The location, size, and shape of open space shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board.

3. Notwithstanding S. VIII. H.2.a. of this Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board may permit the following to occur within the designated open space land.

a. Subject to the approval of the Board of Health, as otherwise required by law, the Planning Board may permit the open space land to be used for subsurface waste disposal where the Planning Board finds that such use will not be detrimental to the character, quality or use of the open space land;

b. Up to ten (10) percent of the open space land may be set apart and designated as such to allow for the construction of structures and/or recreational purposes.

4. No more than forty (40) percent of the open space and shall constitute wetland. The term "wetland" shall not be limited to the definition of wetland as specified under M.G.L. Ch. 131 S. 40, Wetlands Protection Act. The Belchertown Conservation Commission shall determine where the wetlands, if any, are located on the site.

H. Future Change

1. Any Special Permit granted by the Planning Board for an OSCD under the provision of this Section shall incorporate by reference the overall development plan, and development schedule submitted by the developer with the application. Minor amendments to such Special Permit may be granted by the Planning Board upon application and for good cause shown, but without necessity of public hearing provided, however, that any of the following shall be considered a major amendment, and shall be acted upon under the procedures applicable to the initial approval of an OSCD.

a. Reduction in the amount of open space land, or any change in the general location of the open space land as provided in the permit, or

b. Any change in the general layout of the ways as provided in the permit, or

c. Any increase in the number of lots or dwelling units as provided in the permit, or

d. Altering the location of any building or structure by more than ten (10) feet.

2. No lot shown on a plan for which a permit is granted for an OSCD may be further subdivided so as to increase the number of lots unless approved as a major amendment, and a notation to this effect shall be shown on any Definitive Plan of a subdivision based upon this Section.

3. Prior development or sale of any lot within an OSCD, all lots to be so developed shall be shown on a plan recorded in the Registry of Deeds or registered with the Land Court, and a convenant or other instrument satisfactory to the Planning Board shall have been executed assuring the open space land or recreational use of lands so designated in the application.

I. Severability

A determination that any specific portion of this Section VIII is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid.

ARTICLE 26.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Amend Section VIII Open Space Community Development, as previously amended, in the following manner:
(See attached three (3) sheets below containing Article 26)
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

1) Section VIII A. 2. From:

In order to insure development which is compatible with the purposes and intent of this By-Law, this development method must conform to the standards and comply with all appropriate criteria herein described. This development method applys only to residential development and may be allowed via special permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority in the following Zoning Districts:

a. Agriculture/General Residential with public sewers (AG/GR-20)

To: In order to insure development which is compatible with the purposes and intent of this By-Law, this development method must conform to the standards and comply with all appropriate criteria herein described. This development method applies only to residential development and may be allowed via special permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority in the following Zoning Districts:

a. Agriculture/General Residential with public sewers (AG/GR-20)

b. Agriculture without public sewers (AG)

and

2) Section VIII. B. 1.,
From: Cluster AG/GR-20
To: Cluster AG,AG/GR-20

and

3) To add to Section VIII. B. 1., the following:

AG: Preservation of productive farmland, woodland and the preservation of open space areas for agricultural, forest management and active and passive recreational use.

and

4) To add to Section VIII. D. 3. c. (iii):

b. On-site septic developments:

A sanitary sewage feasibility report certified by a Registered Professional Civil Engineer. The purpose of the report is to evaluate the feasibility of the ground for subsurface disposal of septic tank effluents, based on soil characteristics and test borings, water table, natural drainage patterns and other observations by the Engineer.

The report should take into consideration the following factors:

- location of deep holes, to b
shown on an appropriate map:
- topographic and ground leve
conditions:
- natural drainage patterns:
- flood heights of nearby waterways:
- underlying soil characteristics
asbsorption qualities, maximum groundwater elevations and distances t
bedrock;
- location and dimensions o
abutting off-site sewage disposa
systems if within 100 feet of propert
line to be shown on an appropriate map

The report shall contain a statement b the Civil Engineer why, in his/her professional opinion, the septic syste design and location is the most suitabl of considered alternataives for on-sit sanitary sewage disposal systems a indicated in Title V the State Environmental Code and S. VIII. E.1.e. of thi Zoning By-Law.

and

5) Section VIII. E.1.e.

From: A cluster development shall b permitted at the discretion of the Planning Board, as the Special Permit Granting Authority, only on a tract o land which has access and will b connected to public sewer.

To: A cluster development shall b permitted at the discretion of the Planning Board, as the Special Permit Granting Authority, only on a tract o land which has access and will b connected to public sewer or where the percolation rates for the areas in which the on-site subsurface sewage disposal systems are to be located are between five (5.0) and fifteen (15.0) minutes per inch, if located within the Aquifer Protection District and between two (2.0) and ten (10.0) minutes per inch if located outside the Aquifer Protection District.

and

6) Amend Section VIII. F. 1., to include the following:

1. CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS

oning District: Agriculture

in. Size Parcel: 20 acres
in. Lot Size: 20,000 ft.^{2}
in. Open Space/Lot: 20,000 ft.^{2}
in. Setback (feet)
Front-Rear-Side: 30 20 20/0^B
ax. Bldg. Lot. Coverage: 20%
ax. Bldg. Height: 2 1/2 Stories
in. Lot Width: 80^C
welling Unit
Distribution: 20% 2-DW - Maximum^D
ax. Units Bldg.:2

oning District: W/O Public Sewer (AG)

contigious)

eeting dissolved at 10:40 p.m.

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George R. Bach
Town Clerk

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June 1, 1987

To: George R. Bach
Town Clerk
Belchertown, MA

This is certification that the recount of the votes for the positions of Selectman and School Committee held June 1, 1987 gives the following total vote for each candidate:

Selectmen

Kenneth W. Rhodes	946
Richard E. Lambert	904

School Committee

James P. Fox	999
Keith W. McHaffie	838
Phyllis A. White	858

This recount determines the winners to be:

Selectman - Kenneth W. Rhodes

School Committee - James P. Fox
Phyllis A. White

Board of Restrars
Ethel H. Hawkins
Lillian C. Austin
Dorothy W. Brennen

TOWN ELECTION - MAY 18, 1987

*Denotes elected

Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Totals
Moderator 1-year	*Joseph R. White	1259	204	1463
	Blanks	386	65	451
		1645	269	1914
Town Clerk 1-year	*George R. Bach	1393	223	1616
	Blanks	252	46	298
		1645	269	1914
Selectmen 3-years	*Kenneth W. Rhodes	737	194	931
	Richard E. Lambert	796	63	859
	(Write-ins)	2	0	2
	Blanks	110	12	122
		1645	269	1914
School Committee 3-years	*James P. Fox	852	140	992
	Keith W. McHaffie	730	90	820
	*Phyllis A. White	723	127	850
	Blanks	985	181	1166
		3290	538	3828
Planning Board 5-years	*Dominic Colaccino	1093	172	1265
	Blanks	552	97	649
		1645	269	1914
Planning Board 3-years	*James D. Hodgen	1087	161	1248
	(Write-in: Diane Magee)	113	29	142
	(Write-ins)	0	2	2
	Blanks	445	77	522
		1645	269	1914
Cemetery Commissioner 3-years	*Floyd R. Peeso	1242	196	1438
	Blanks	403	73	476
		1645	269	1914
Board of Assessors 3-years	*Janis G. Fitzpatrick	1166	189	1355
	(Write-in)	1	0	1
	Blanks	478	80	558
		1645	269	1914

Housing Authority 1-year	*Patricia A. Squires	1147	170	1317
	Blanks	498	99	597
		1645	269	1914
Sewer Commissioner 3-years	*Albert F. Dewhurst	782	83	865
	Jack Hulmes, Jr.	553	107	660
	(Write-in: David Kuzmeski)	22	6	28
	(Write-in)	0	1	1
	Blanks	288	72	360
		1645	269	1914
Board of Health 3-years	*James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1190	189	1379
	Blanks	455	80	535
		1645	269	1914
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Tec. H.S. District Committee 3-years	*Michael A. Roncolato	1129	201	1330
	Blanks	516	68	584
		1645	269	1914
Question #1 (Re: Override proposition for G.Hannum Rd. Interceptor sewer loan)	Yes	629	82	711
	*No	826	155	981
	Blanks	190	32	222
		1645	269	1914
Question #2 (Re: Override proposition for Renovation of Lawrence Memorial Hall loan)	Yes	600	81	681
	*No	860	157	1017
	Blanks	185	31	216
		1645	269	1914
Votes cast on May 18, 1987		1645	269	1914
			(43% voted)	
Registered voters at Belchertown	Republican	583	44	627
	Democrat	1266	168	1434
	Independent	2115	305	2420
		3964	517	4481

Attest: George R. Bach
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF Belchertown

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 9th, 11th & 14th, 1987

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STAB-ILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	BORROWING
1-4.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	From Sale of Cem. Lots Acct. to Cem. Comm. Exp. Acct.	3,080.00	-	-	-	-	3,080.00	
6.	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving tax cases	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
7.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Public Ways-Improvements	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	-	-	-
9.	Reserve Fund (from Fund balance reserved for Extraordinary & Unforeseen Exp. Acct. & from free cash)	60,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	-	35,000.00	-
10.	To Conservation Fund	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-
11.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Tn's share-Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Program	1,056.00	-	1,056.00	-	-	-	-
13.	L.M.Hall Renovation Acct.	300,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	300,000.00
14.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Sundry Expenses, as follows:	(Total) 100,000.00						
	a) Cold Spring School Boiler	-	-	-	-	40,000.00	-	-
	b) Landfill Development	-	-	-	-	45,000.00	-	-
	c) Council on Aging Vehicle	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	-	-
16.	Sundry Expenses, as follows:	(Total) 59,700.00						
	a) Accountant & Clk Computer Equip.	-	-	-	17,500.00	-	-	-
	b) Town Clerk Typewriter	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-
	c) Assrs-Fire-proof File Cabinet	-	-	-	1,200.00	-	-	-
	d) Fire Dept.-Hazardous Waste Suit	-	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-
	e) Franklin School Blacktop	-	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-
	f) H.S. Parking Lot	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-
	g) Highways-Sander	-	-	-	10,000.00	-	-	-
	h) Highways-PickupTruck 3/4 Ton	-	-	-	16,000.00	-	-	-
	k) Town Garage-Time Clock	-	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-
	l) Town Beach Bath House Repair	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	-

ARTICLE # BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STAB-ILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	BORROWING
17. Itemized Budgets							
(a) None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) General Government (Total)	447,283.00						
1. Moderator, Salary	-	35.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	10.00	-	-	-	-	-
2. Selectmen, Salaries	-	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	11,511.00	-	-	-	-	-
3. Executive Secretary, Salary	-	33,390.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	3,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
4. Town Accountant/Adm.Sect., Salary	-	28,938.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	34,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	21,100.00	-	-	-	-	-
5. Town Clerk, Salary	-	9,349.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	16,879.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	6,701.00	-	-	-	-	-
6. Town & Tax Collector, Salary	-	12,021.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	25,165.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	8,570.00	-	-	-	-	-
7. Town Treasurer, Salary	-	12,020.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	22,228.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	12,920.00	-	-	-	-	-
8. Assessors, Salaries	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	66,243.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	31,430.00	-	-	-	-	-
Out of State Travel	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-
9. Law Account, Expenses	-	28,750.00	-	-	-	-	-
10. Finance Committee, Wages	-	120.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	515.00	-	-	-	-	-
11. Election & Registration, Salary	-	150.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	7,775.00	-	-	-	-	-
12. Planning Board, Salary	-	14,630.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	8,049.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	3,354.00	-	-	-	-	-
13. Board of Appeals, Wages	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	575.00	-	-	-	-	-
14. Personnel Board, Expenses	-	55.00	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Protection of Persons & Property (Total)	678,738.00						
15. Police Department, Salaries	-	33,390.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	359,623.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	97,135.00	-	-	-	-	-
16. Ambulance Service, Wages	-	17,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	3,860.00	-	-	-	-	-

ARTICLE # BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STAB-ILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	BORROWING
17. Fire Department, Salaries	-	16,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	24,659.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	34,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
Out of State Travel	-	300.00	-	-	-	-	-
18. Hydrant Service, Expenses	-	11,900.00	-	-	-	-	-
19. Water Storage Holes, Expenses	-	2,250.00	-	-	-	-	-
20. Burner Inspections, Wages	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
21. Dog Officer, Salaries	-	900.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	7,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	3,800.00	-	-	-	-	-
22. Inspection Services, Salary	-	25,599.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	17,366.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	6,160.00	-	-	-	-	-
23. Civil Defense, Salaries	-	550.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-
24. Insect Pest Control, Expenses	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
25. Dutch Elm Disease, Wages	-	1,957.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
26. Tree Warden, Wages	-	6,589.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	3,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Town School Department (Total)	4,614,418.00						
27. Town School Department:							
#1000 Administration		125,501.00	-	-	-	-	-
#2000 Instruction		3,122,649.00	-	-	-	-	-
#3000 Other School Services		493,127.00	-	-	-	-	-
#4000 Operating & Maintenance		577,732.00	-	-	-	-	-
#7000 Fixed Assets		76,809.00	-	-	-	-	-
#9000 Programs with Other Schools		218,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Regional School Department (Total)	320,038.00						
28. Pathfinder Reg.Voc.Tech. H.S.District							
Operating & Maintenance	-	299,200.00	-	-	-	-	-
Capital	-	10,558.00	-	-	-	-	-
Substantially Separate Program	-	10,280.00	-	-	-	-	-

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	BORROWING
(f)	Highway Department (Total)	475,418.00						
29.	Highways-Personnel, Salary	-	28,938.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	216,930.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	3,670.00	-	-	-	-	-
30.	Snow Removal, Expenses	-	60,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
31.	Road Machinery, Expenses	-	61,050.00	-	-	-	-	-
32.	Construction Materials	-	22,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
33.	Sidewalks, Expenses	-	7,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
34.	Hired Services, Expenses	-	29,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
35.	Street Lighting, Expenses	-	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
36.	Professional Engineering, Expenses	-	11,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
37.	Town Garage, Expenses	-	10,830.00	-	-	-	-	-
(g)	Sanitation & Environmental Department (Total)-	96,355.00						
38.	Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	-	1,700.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	4,350.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	55,450.00	-	-	-	-	-
39.	Sanitary Landfill, Expenses	-	27,700.00	-	-	-	-	-
40.	Conservation Commission, Wages	-	5,200.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	1,580.00	-	-	-	-	-
41,	Industrial Dev. Commission, Expenses	-	25.00	-	-	-	-	-
42.	Historical Commission, Expenses	-	325.00	-	-	-	-	-
43.	Energy Resources Commission, Expenses	-	25.00	-	-	-	-	-
(h)	Human Services Departments (Total)	145,472.00						
44.	Board of Health, Salaries	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	-	2,268.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	10,920.00	-	-	-	-
45.	Council on Aging, Salaries	-	-	39,524.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	-	12,270.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	11,900.00	-	-	-	-
46.	Veterans' Services, Salary	-	-	3,600.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	670.00	-	-	-	-
	Veterans' Benefits	-	-	32,000.00	-	-	-	-
47.	Veterans' Graves, Expenses	-	-	850.00	-	-	-	-
48.	Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	-	-	1,650.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	-	11,700.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	14,920.00	-	-	-	-
49.	Mobilehome Rent Control Board,Wages	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	1,200.00	-	-	-	-
(i)	Culture & Recreation (Total)	153,574.00						
50.	Clapp Memorial Library,Wages	-	-	24,940.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	23,580.00	-	-	-	-
51.	Prks,Beach,Recreation,Salary	-	-	20,034.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	-	62,020.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	17,500.00	-	-	-	-
52.	Old Town Hall, Expenses	-	-	5,500.00	-	-	-	-

ARTICLE # BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHARING	FROM STAB-ILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	BORROWING
(j) Buildings & Grounds (Total)	115,284.00						
53. Maintenance/Groundskeeper							
Salary	-	-	22,260.00	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	-	35,114.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	36,400.00	-	-	-	-
54. Law.Memorial Hall, Expenses	-	-	9,000.00	-	-	-	-
55. Finnerty House, Expenses	-	-	3,210.00	-	-	-	-
56. Town Common, Expenses	-	-	1,700.00	-	-	-	-
57. Town Clock, Wages	-	-	400.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
58. Police Station, Expenses	-	-	7,100.00	-	-	-	-
(k) Pensions and Insurance (Total)	625,906.00						
59. Insurance, Expenses	-	200,085.00	-	-	-	-	-
60. Unemployment Insurance,Expenses	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-
61. Health Insurance, Expenses	-	250,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
62. Group Life Insurance, Expenses	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-
63. FICA-Town Share, Expenses	-	-	-	10,000.00	-	-	-
64. Pensions, Expenses	-	115,821.00	40,000.00	-	-	-	-
(1) Unclassified Accounts (Total)	25,300.00						
65. Patriotic Exercises,Expenses	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-
66. Printing Town Report,Expenses	-	-	-	4,000.00	-	-	-
67. Unclassified Account,Expenses	-	-	-	20,800.00	-	-	-
(m) Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	1,121,860.00						
68. Interest, Expenses	-	687,699.00	-	-	-	-	-
69. Maturing Debt, Expenses	-	434,161.00	-	-	-	-	-
18. None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19. George Hannum Rd. Interceptor Sewer Line	950,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	950,000.00
20.-46. None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	10,354,582.00	8,320,016.00	541,486.00	105,000.00	100,000.00	38,080.00	1,250,000.00

Attest: George R. Bach

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

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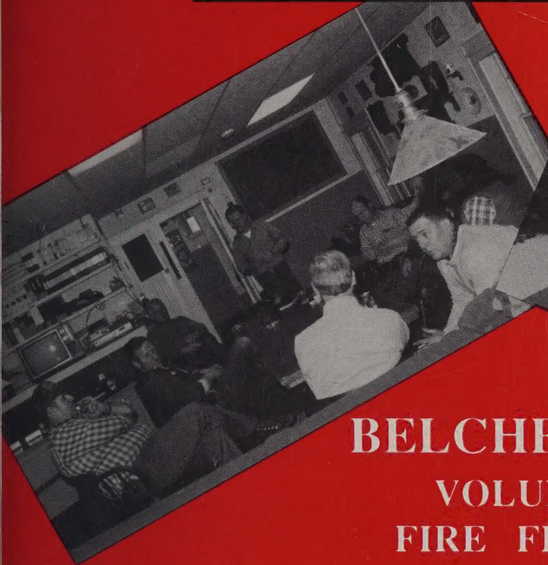

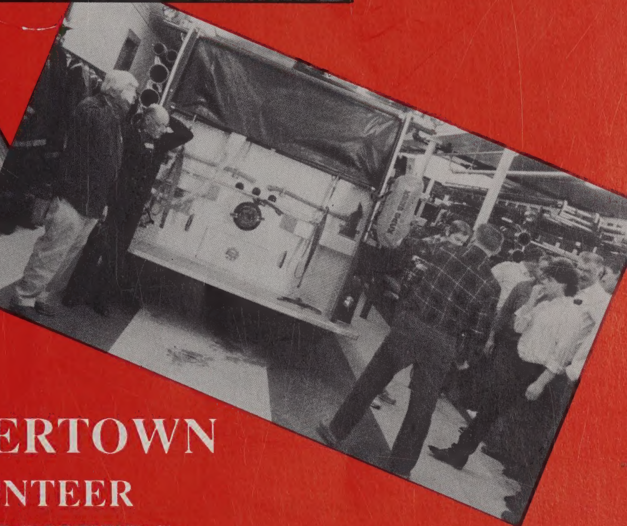

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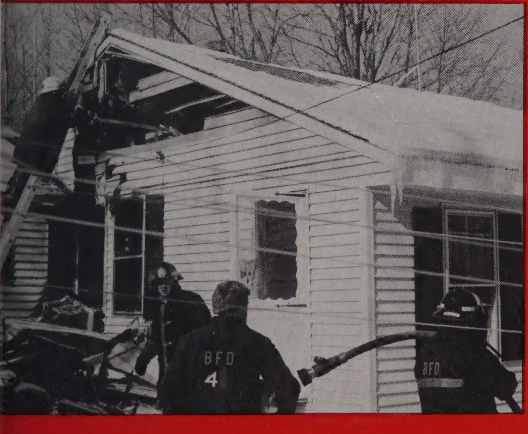

The 1988 Annual Town Report is Dedicated to:

Fire Chief Donald Bock
October 1981 — April 1988

Donald Bock was a dedicated civic leader who joined the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department in 1958 and served along with Chief Menard until October of 1981, when Chief Menard retired, and Don Bock was named Fire Chief. It really is hard to put into words how dedicated Don was to our town

Chief Bock was instrumental in setting up our call system with the town of Amherst, as well as helping the town of Belchertown receive the Amherst ladder truck for our fire department's use. Chief Bock has left us with a fire department which has grown through his experience and his dedication of duty.

Don Bock will surely be missed by his family, friends, and all of the community.

Fire Chief Raymond "Pat" Menard
July 1976 — October 1981

Pat Menard served the town in many capacities. He was t Industrial Arts teacher at the Junior-Senior High School f several years. He joined the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Depa ment in 1947, and became Fire Chief in 1976. It was his dedicati to the Firemen's Association throughout the county that helped strengthen not only the town of Belchertown's Fire Departme but also the association itself. Under his command, fire fighti expertise was brought to our fire department.

Pat will certainly be missed by the citizens of Belchertown, a he will be remembered as a man who devoted his life to his fami and friends and fire fighting.

These two men have dedicated their lives to the future and safety of the town and the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department.

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1988 Town Officers

ame **Elected Office** **Term Expires**

Moderator

oseph R. White	1989

Town Clerk

eorge R. Bach	1989

Board of Selectmen

hirley R. Aldrich	5/1988
oAnne L. Newman	5/1988
ernard R. Kubiak	1989
erbert E. Squires	1989
enneth W. Rhodes	1990
inda E. Barron (elected 5/1988)	1991
auline C. Johnson (elected 5/1988)	1991

Treasurer

eorge R. Bach	1991

Tax & Town Collector

eorge R. Bach	1989

School Committee

urt W. Swanson	5/1988
erard H. Gould (elected 5/1988)	1989
ames P. Fox	1990
hyllis A. White	1990
orothy A. Rhodes	1991
Villiam M. Russell	1991

Planning Board

onald S. Cole	5/1988
armine L. Angeloni	1989
anet A. DaSilva (appt. 9/88)	1989
ames D. Hodgen	1990
llen J. Wenner (resigned 7/88)	1991
ominic Colaccino	1992
Mark S. Lindhult (elected 5/88)	1993

Cemetery Commissioners

avid G. Hodgen	1989
loyd R. Peeso	1990
aul C. Cook	1991

Board of Assessors

David A. Staples (resigned 2/88)	1988
Roy A. Voci	1989
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	1990
Samuel J. Joyal (appt. 2/88, then elected 5/88, then resigned 11/88)	1991

Housing Authority

Patricia A. Squires	5/1988
Mary S. Pratt	1989
W. Ira Shattuck (resigned 11/88)	1990
William C. Carmody	1991
Antoinette M. Kubiak	2/3/1992
James J. Gambaro (elected 5/88)	1993

Tree Warden

Albert W. Brown	1991

Sewer Commissioners

Alfred P. Atwood	1989
Albert F. Dewhurst	1990
Harry L. Brougham	1991

Board of Health

Linda H. Snow	1989
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1990
Peter T. Lamacchia, Jr.	1991

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	1989
Mary S. Pratt	1990
Kenneth H. Snow	1991

Almoners-Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds

Virginia M. Hislop	1989
Janet L. Wood	1989

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Member

Michael A. Roncolato	1990

Appointed Officers

Executive Secretary

William G. Whitlock	6/30/90

Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Green	6/30/90

Assistant Town Accountant

Rhonda L. Brown	6/30/89

Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/89

Assistant Town Treasurer

Gloria J. Conkey	5/89

Deputy Collectors

Lisa M. Banner (office)	12/89
Gloria J. Conkey (office)	12/89
Carol E. Hubbard (office)	12/89
Christine T. Jeffery	12/89
Reid C. Jeffery	12/89

Town Planner

James M. Mazik (resigned 3/16/88)
John S. Manter (hired 5/10/88)

Finance Committee

Gregory R. Dillard	6/30/89
Alfred J. Roccanti	6/30/89
Linda E. Barron (resigned 5/88)	6/30/90
Daniel H. Hennessy (appt. 12/88)	6/30/90
Albert D. Rolla	6/30/90
George J. McQuillen, Jr.	6/30/91

Town Counsel

Leonard Kopelman, Attorney	6/30/89

Fire Chief

Donald F. Bock (deceased 4/88)	6/30/88
Samuel J. Joyal (appt. acting chief on 4/88, then full time on 10/88)	6/30/89

Assistant Assessor

David A. Staples (appt. 3/88)	5/89

Assistant Collector

Lisa M. Banner (appt. 1/88)	6/30/89

Forest Fire Warden

Donald F. Bock (deceased 4/88)	6/30/88
Samuel J. Joyal (appt. 4/88)	6/30/89

Highway Superintendent

Harry A. Dodge	6/30/89

Inspector of Buildings

Douglas K. Magee	6/30/90

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Christopher Allison	6/30/89

Wiring Inspector

Edward S. Czech	6/30/89

Assistant Wiring Inspector

Charles J. Agen	6/30/89

Inspector of Plumbing

Jeffrey W. Price (resigned 5/88)	6/30/88
Edward F. Czupkiewicz, Jr. (appt. 7/88)	6/30/89

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud	6/30/89

Assistant Dog Officer

Gail Gray	6/30/89
Philip Riverin	6/30/89

Gas Inspector

Jeffrey W. Price (resigned 5/88)	6/30/88
Edward F. Czupkiewicz, Jr. (appt. 7/88)	6/30/89

Veterans Services Agent

Merle R. Green	6/3
Arthur William Carrier (appt. 7/88)	6/3

Interim Field Driver

Debra R. Michaud (appt. 9/88)

Fence Viewer

Raymond W. J. Campbell, Jr. (appt. 12/88)	6/3

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	6/3

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Douglas K. Magee	6/3

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Douglas K. Magee	6/3

Veterans Graves Officer

David Lecours	6/3

Assistant Graves Officer

Melvin Terry	6/3

Registrars of Voters

Ethel H. Hawkins	6/3
Lillian C. Austin	6/3
Dorothy M. Brennen	6/3

Assistant Registrars

Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)	6/3
Eileen Staples (Pathfinder School)	6/3

Election Officers

Precinct Coordinator

William Barnett	6/3

Precinct A

Alice M. Burke (Warden)	6/3
Joyce Ferguson (Clerk)	6/3

Precinct B

Alice Alden (Warden) (appt. 4/88)	6/3
Betty Lou Dudek (Clerk) (appt. 4/88)	6/3

Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)	6/3
Donald B. Aldrich (Clerk) (appt. 4/88)	6/3

Board of Appeals

Thomas W. Shattuck	6/3
Frederick G. Bartmon (resigned 12/88)	6/3
Andre Michaud	6/3

Associate Members Board of Appeals

Robert Condon	6/3
William I. Shattuck, Jr.	6/3
Michael A. O'Connor (appt. eff. 7/88)	6/3
Jonathan Spiegel (appt. eff. 7/88)	6/3

Civil Defense Director

illiam G. Whitlock	6/30/89

Deputy Director-Civil Defense

lvin W. Terry	6/30/89

Civil Defense Radio Officer

uis P. Zimmerman	6/30/89

Member-Civil Defense Dept.

y Whidden	6/30/89

War Memorial Committee

ward O. Lofland	6/30/88
ncis A. Dudek	6/30/89
n W. Avery	6/30/90

Weigher, Measurer & Surveyor of Commodities

y F. Whidden	6/30/88

Food Stamp Representative

uise C. Wadsworth

Rationing Board

tricia J. Mitchell	6/30/90
chard F. Dzialo	6/30/91

Public Weighers

seph W. Tolpa	6/30/89
seph Tolpa, Sr.	6/30/89

Personnel Board

Anne M. Gavin	6/30/88
seph D. Guercio	6/30/89
orge D. Greule (resigned 7/88)	6/30/90
ane L. Chamberlain (appt. 8/88)	6/30/90
Anne Newman	6/30/91

Recreation Director

thur E. Knapp, Jr.

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

ris Daley (resigned 1/88)	6/30/89
omas E. Sullivan (appt. 2/88)	6/30/89
lvia C. Conkey	6/30/90
ruce C. Smith	6/30/90
tricia H. Burton	6/30/91
avid J. Woodcock	6/30/91

Conservation Commission

ark Lindhult	6/30/88
nnie T. Greene	6/30/89
lice L. Kuc	6/30/89
rbara Pasternak	6/30/90
athryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/90
ubert Greene	6/30/91
avid M. Haines	6/30/91
onald L. Minney (appt. 10/88)	6/30/91

Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range

Warren Johnson (appt. 6/88)	6/30/89
Kathryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/89

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission

James M. Mazik (resigned 3/88)
James D. Hodgen
Annette Fellion, Alternate

P.V.T.A. Advisory Board

Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/89

Representative to Board of Directors of Hampshire Community Action Commission

Paul D. Kuc

Historical Commission

Doris M. Dickinson	6/30/90
R. Lee Forsythe	6/30/90
Shirley A. Bock (resigned 7/88)	6/30/91
Michael F. Milewski (appt. 9/88)	6/30/91
Paul R. Lussier	6/30/91

Council on Aging

Katherine C. Everett (resigned 10/88)	6/30/89
Louis E. Fuller	6/30/89
Gerald W. Houlihan (resigned 10/88)	6/30/89
Jean C. Allison (appt. 10/88)	6/30/89
Rev. Robert E. Sisson (appt. 10/88)	6/30/89
Fr. John Pickewitz	6/30/90
Carol Shay	6/30/90
Morton Sweeney (appt. 3/88)	6/30/90
Carl Takvorian	6/30/90
Ruthella M. Tucker	6/30/90
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/91
Casimir Owczarski	6/30/91
Winifred B. Shattuck	6/30/91
Charlotte Tenczar	6/30/91

Police Candidate Review Committee

John W. Avery	6/30/89
Peter G. Burton	6/30/89
Frank Farrington	6/30/89
Patricia M. Sheridan (appt. 9/88)	6/30/89
Orin L. Bracey, Jr. (appt. 9/88)	6/30/89

Arts Lottery Council

Mary Avery	6/30/89
Gloria Fox	6/30/89
Marianne T. Gambaro	6/30/89
Gail A. Taylor	6/30/89
Elizabeth Wellso	6/30/89
Berne M. Kowalski	6/30/90
Judy M. McQuillen	6/30/90
Thomas M. Grady (appt. 9/88)	6/30/90
David Jacobson (appt. 9/88)	6/30/90
Eileen Klockars (appt. 9/88)	6/30/90

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee

Shirley A. Bock	6/30/89

School Building Committee

Patricia H. Burton	Final Report
Sharon L. Chapman	Final Report
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Michael P. Forgue	Final Report
George B. Jackson	Final Report
Susan J. Martens	Final Report
Robert T. Martens	Final Report
Donald F. Moran	Final Report
Casimir Owczarski	Final Report
David A. Staples	Final Report

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Paul C. Cook	6/30/89
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/89
Edward H. Gates	6/30/89
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/89
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/89
Roy A. Voci	6/30/89

Rent Control Board

Kenneth W. Thayer	6/30/88
John D. Burns	6/30/89
William Barnett	6/30/90
Edward H. Gates	6/30/91
Janet A. DaSilva (resigned 9/88)	6/30/92

John J. Green, Jr., Esq. (Special Council to Board)

Controlled Growth Committee

Margot Moran	Final Report
Eric Walgren	Final Report
Gary Moore	Final Report
Elizabeth Coxon	Final Report
Deborah J. Bedore	Final Report

Recycling Committee

Dale Callaham (resigned 4/88)	6/30/88
William Pula	6/30/89
JoAnne Smith	6/30/89
Leo Ablicki	6/30/90
Eric Weiss	6/30/90
Alan Weiss (appt. 5/88)	6/30/91

Agricultural Land Preservation and Revitalization Program Advisory Committee

Thomas Shattuck	Final Report
Ira Shattuck	Final Report
Saki Santorelli	Final Report
Louis Siano	Final Report
Ray Campbell	Final Report
Mark Lindhult	Final Report
Judy Gillan	Final Report
John Marshall	Final Report
Flora Marshall	Final Re
Janet Minney	Final Re
Judy Shattuck	Final Re
Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Re
Donald Cole	Final Re
Alice Kuc	Final Re
Kathy Ruhf	Final Re
David Staples	Final Re
Frank Wenzel	Final Re

Lawrence Memorial Hall Building Committee

William G. Whitlock	Final Re
Kenneth W. Rhodes	Final Re
Douglas K. Magee	Final Re
Robert A. Dewhurst	Final Re
David P. Brown	Final Re

Parade Committee

Frank Wenzel	6/3
Charles Denesha	6/3
Kevin Brown	6/3
Kenneth Henneman (appt. 8/88)	6/3

Colonel-In-Charge of Horse Drawing (1988 Fair)

William J. Austin	6/3

Belchertown Fair Committee

Melvin Terry	6/3
Gail Hermosillo	6/3
William Whitlock	6/3
Herbert Squires	6/3
Roger Harris (appt. 6/88)	6/3
Wendy Fugler (appt. 8/88)	6/3

Belchertown Housing Partnership Committee

James M. Mazik (resigned 3/88)	6/3
Martha Barrett	6/3
Richard Davitt	6/3
Parker Ketchen	6/3
Antoinette Kubiak	6/3
Bernard Kubiak	6/3
Kathy Ruhf	6/3
Janet Wood	6/3

Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee

Eric Weiss
William Whitlock
James M. Mazik (resigned 3/88)
Herbert E. Squires (appt. 3/88)

Safety Committee (appt.10/88)

Robert Knight	6/3
Harry Dodge	6/3
Douglas Magee	6/3
William Linde	6/3
Patricia Brooks	6/3
William Whitlock	6/3
Linda Barron	6/3

Classroom Study Committee

frey Morgan	Final Report

Elementary School Building Committee (appt. 11/88)

chard A. Thibodeau	Final Report
orge A. Casper	Final Report
rol A. Dennehy	Final Report
rt W. Swanson	Final Report
nothy E. Lofland	Final Report
rard H. Gould	Final Report
line C. Johnson	Final Report
bert B. Byard, Associate Member	Final Report
lliam G. Whitlock, Associate Member	Final Report
ron C. Marean, Alternate	Final Report
san J. Cameron, Alternate	Final Report

Police Department

ief Robert A. Knight	6/30/89

Sergeant (Full Time)

nest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/89
lliam C. Zobka	6/30/89
lliam D. Beatty, Jr. (provisional 4/88)	6/30/89

Constable

n Milner	6/30/90
drew Sears	6/30/90

Patrol Officers (Full Time)

y F. Bergeron	6/30/89
nthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/89
n D. Kipetz	6/30/88
vin G. Truehart	6/30/89
ncis Fox (was part-time, then came full time 6/88)	6/30/89
nes Jackson (was part-time, then came full time 3/88)	6/30/89
niel O'Brien (was part-time, then came full time 6/88 then left in 9/88)	6/30/89

Patrol Officers (Part Time)

an Golann (left 1/88)	6/30/88
eph Yale (deceased)	6/30/88
vin Antonovitch	6/30/89
niel E. Carr (eff. 4/25/88)	6/30/89
vid A. Conkey	/6/30/89
lph J. Gould, Jr.	6/30/89
nald Molway	6/30/89
eph Rebello	6/30/89
san O. Roundy	6/30/89
nes Taylor	6/30/89
ul Tuttle (eff. 7/1/88)	6/30/89
vid A. Woodman	6/30/89

Special Police Officer

Patricia W. Antonovitch	6/30/89
Andrew T. Sears	6/30/89

Crossing Guards-School Traffic

Lillian C. Austin	6/30/89
Ingred Czech	6/30/89
Albert Dewhurst	6/30/89
Andrew T. Sears, Jr.	6/30/89
Hector Tetrault	6/30/89
Edward Czech (sub.)	6/30/89
Charles Howard (sub.)	6/30/89

Crossing Guards-Center School Only

Mary Baltren	6/30/89
Paul Kucinski	6/30/89
Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/89
Theresa Owczarski	6/30/89

All Other Specials

A. Preston Atwood	6/30/89
Edward Czech	6/30/89

Special Police for Dogs Only

Debra Michaud	6/30/88
Gail Gray	6/30/88
Philip Riverin	6/30/88

Board of Health Appointments

Clerk of Infectious Diseases

Charlotte P. Ketchen	6/30/88

Inspector of Animals

Stanley M. Antonovitch (resigned 10/88)	6/30/89
Peter T. Lamacchia, Jr. (appt. 10/88)	6/30/89

Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Joseph Leistyna, M.D.	6/30/89

Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	6/30/89

Health Officer Quabbin Health District

David Zarozinski
Judy Moreno, Asst. Officer

Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the Annual Town Report. This document contains valuable information on the Town and its functions, accounting of its funds, and what we have accomplished in the year past. Belchertown has taken care to prepare its annual report. Our concern has resulted in awards from the Massachusetts Municipal Association's statewide annual report contest. Please read this report carefully and make use of the information it contains.

The composition of the Board of Selectmen changed with the 1988 elections as incumbents JoAnne Newman and Shirley Aldrich decided not to seek re-election. They were replaced by Linda Barron and Pauline Johnson. Mrs. Johnson, liaison for Education, Culture and Recreation, has extensive prior experience in town government as a former town accountant and assistant assessor. Mrs. Barron, liaison for Public Safety, previously chaired the town's Finance Committee. Kenneth Rhodes serves as the Board's Clerk and liaison for Public Works. Herbert Squires, Vice-Chairman, is liaison for the Human Services departments. Bernard Kubiak is Board Chairman and also serves as County Commissioner, liaison for Planning and the Environment, and co-chair of the Housing Partnership.

The Board has made several special appointments in the past year, many in conjunction with other committees. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Veterans' Agent Merle Green and appointed William Carrier in his place. In conjunction with the Planning Board, John Manter was hired as Town Planner and Janet DaSilva was appointed to the Planning Board. Gregory Dillard was appointed Assessor to replace Samuel Joyal who was selected as the Town's first full-time Fire Chief. The Police Candidate Review Committee was expanded to five members. Persons were named to the Arts Lottery Council, Zoning Board of Appeals, Employee Safety Committee, Recycling Committee, and as Fence Viewer and as Field Driver. The Selectmen and School Committee jointly named a seven person elementary school building committee.

The Board was successful in receiving several grants. The town was awarded a Community Development Action Grant (CDAG) for $834,000 in conjunction with the proposed Federal Crossing Shopping Center. This grant will pay for improvements to the George Hannum Road water and sewer lines to make the project feasible. In conjunction with the Sewer Commissioners, funding was received for the proposed Hannum Road Interceptor. Taken together, these two grants will allow for complete reimbursement of construction costs of necessary improvements to the sewage system. The Town was also awarded a $180,000 CDAG toward the construction of affordable housing at Cold Spring Commons. That development will result in 18 units of assisted housing being constructed along with 26 market rate units. The Selectmen are also cooperating with the Housing Authority to construct assisted rental housing for persons with special needs, to be funded by the Executive Office of Communities and Development. The Board also worked with the Pla ning Board to obtain a grant to fund the Strategic Planni Program; with the Hampshire county Human Services Coor nator on a Youth 2000 grant which will benefit adolescer throughout the county; and with the New England Small Far Institute on a Rural Design Assistance grant to plan a manag ment district for the Lampson Brook Valley. The town receiv $1,475,000 in grants and loans from the Farmers Home Admi stration to fund development of a new well and extension of t water system.

The past year saw the completion of several projects a the continuation of others. The redesign of the Main Stre Maple Street intersection and installation of new traffic lig was completed. The project was funded through a Departm of Public Works grant. The purchase of the Piper Farm prope was completed. A feasibility study is underway to determine t best uses of the property. Two parcels of land, over 130 acr were purchased under the Aquifer Land Acquisition grant. study of septic systems in the lakes area was completed, setti the stage for corrective measures to be taken. Work on t recycling center at the landfill will be completed with t addition of a compost area for yard waste. Another Househo Hazardous Waste day was conducted in conjunction with t Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission. In addition homeowners, this year's activity allowed small businesses dispose of their hazardous materials. Participation was grea than expected, emphasizing the need for further efforts.

In a continuing effort to enhance their effectivene members of the Board have taken advantage of the trainin offered by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA the Department of Revenue, the Executive Office of Commu ties and Development, and other organizations. The Board l also involved itself with planning efforts in the areas of zoni solid waste, and public construction. It is through these effo and our affiliation with the MMA that we feel confident that will be able to meet the challenges of operating a growi community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard R. Kubiak
Chairman

Executive Secretary

Once again this year, the Executive Secretary's report will based on some of the projects and activities which have been progress during the past year, and where these projects stand at present time. This has been an active year for all the boards in community with a number of grants and special projects that have under way.

During the year, the Town received several Incentive Aid ants. One of these grants funded a DPW study of all the public rks related departments in town in the hope that in the future we ll be able to set up a consolidated Department of Public Works. order to do this, we must now go to the Legislature to get proval there. This study has been completed, and we hope to put nto use within the next few years.

The renovations on Lawrence Memorial Hall for the new wn offices is a major project that has been worked on this year. is project is nearly completed, and the committee will be ning it over to the town in the very near future. We received a 9,500 grant for this building to revamp the entire heating stem, and we are also installing an air conditioning system ere. We received a $5,000 grant for the insulation of the exterior alls of the town hall, as well.

We worked with the School Department in removing the bestos from the various town buildings. All the town buildings ive now been cleared of asbestos, and we received grant funding r several segments of this project.

I have been working with a group which has come to be iown as the Eastern Hampshire Regional Refuse District. This ommittee includes the towns of Belchertown, Amherst, Hadley, hutesbury, Leverett, and Pelham. The committee has been set up hopes that a regional sanitary landfill will be set up in one of ese communities in the near future. The guidelines for this oject for this region are now completed, and we will have to go town meeting for a vote. We are also entitled for state money establish such a landfill. Regionalization is the only way to go the future for our landfills.

I worked closely with Mrs. Burton and the members of the chool Building Committee in order to complete and wrap up the nal projects at the Chestnut Hill School and the Federal Recrea- on grant that was received by the Town. This project is just about ady to be closed out.

We received a PWED Grant from the Executive Office of ransportation and Construction in the amount of $295,000 for e lighting and revamping of the Main Street intersection. This oject has been completed and the final requests have gone in to e Commonwealth. We have had several favorable comments on e project and we are finally getting the lights adjusted to control e flow of traffic properly.

I have been working on the George Hannum Sewer Interceptor with the Sewer Commissioners. This project has been approved with 70% funding from the Commonwealth. We have also received a CDAG Grant in the amount of $800,000. As a result of this grant, this project will be at no cost to the community. The Sewer Commissioners now have this project out to bid, and hopefully construction on replacing the sewer line along George Hannum Road will start by summer. The total cost of this project is $1.4 million.

Another project which has been approved and is being worked on is the Daigle Well line. This project involves running a new water line from the Daigle Well Fields down to intersect with the town water line on Bay Road. This should cost $1.4 million, with a 55% grant from the state through Farmers Home Administration, and the rest to be picked up by users along that route. The project should be in the design stage by the end of the summer, and hopefully will be ready to go to bid some time next fall.

We have received a grant for the bridge over the canal leading from South Belchertown into Bondsville. This grant will be to replace the bridge which has been closed for some time, and will be in the neighborhood of $50,000. This project should be completed by late summer.

We received an Off-Street Parking Grant from the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to redo the parking lot of Lawrence Memorial Hall. This project is now under way.

The new recycling area has been set up at the landfill and is now in place. We also have a compactor there now. By using a compactor, we are able to save space in the landfill, therefore lengthening its life.

We are working with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs on two programs at the lakes. The Septic Tank Study program, for which we received $35,000, is already completed. The outlet discharge from the lake is a new project which is under way. We will receive a $15,000 grant for this program.

We are now in the final stages of the Aquifer Grant. The Town received this $500,000 grant back in 1983. The first $50,000 went toward a study of the aquifer area which was completed along with the Town of Amherst, as it was a joint project with Belchertown, Amherst, and Pelham with Belchertown being the leading community. We have now purchased two large parcels of property in that area to protect the aquifer, and we are hoping to purchase two more parcels in the area. This project should be completed within the next two months, and has been totally funded by the state.

I have been fortunate to be appointed to the Local Government Advisory Committee. This is the committee which meets with the Governor and his staff one day every month. I have found this very interesting, and it also gives me a chance to meet with our Senator and Representative. The redistricting changed our State Representative from Stanley Rosenberg to Patrick Landers of Palmer, and Robert Wetmore remains our State Senator. All three of these gentlemen have been most cooperative in gathering information for us on the various projects that we have requested funding for.

I have worked closely this year with Congressman Conte who helped us obtain the 55% grant funding for the Daigle Well project from Farmers' Home Administration. He also helped us on a few other projects, and his office has been most cooperative.

Other departments in the town have worked with the Board of Selectmen in securing other grants. It appears that overall the town has seen close to $5,000,000 in grants during the past year and a half, which is certainly going to be a big help for us in the community.

All in all it has been a successful year, and as you can the Board of Selectmen and this office have been extremely in acquiring grants, working on projects, and trying to follo on them to see that they are completed on time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boards and committees that we have worked with over this They have been very helpful to this office and they have all most cooperative in giving us information and assistance.

It appears that we are still on a heavy growth pattern, I foresee that this pattern will continue at least for another and maybe longer. At the present time we have 26 subdivisi in the works, which means that the growth in our community continue.

This office is always open to anyone who wishes to information or guidance. I will be glad to talk to anyone needs help.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Whitlock
Executive Secretary

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has two primary functions: (1) to serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters; and (2) to administer the Reserve Fund.

In its advisory capacity, the committee reviews the individual budget requests of every town department and board, makes recommendations, and presents the overall town budget to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting in May. It also reviews all warrant articles dealing with capital expenditures and other financial appropriations and brings its recommendations to the Annual as well as all Special Town Meetings.

In order to facilitate better communications and information exchange with the many diverse functions of local government, the committee uses a liaison system. The assignments are as follows:

Buildings & Grounds	Alfred Roccanti
Culture & Recreation	Alfred Roccanti
Highways	Daniel Hennessy
Public Safety	Daniel Hennessy
Human Services	Albert Rolla
Sanitation & Environment	Albert Rolla
Schools (including Pathfinder)	George McQuillen, Jr. Gregory Galanek

The Finance Committee encourages citizen involve in the budget process and welcomes public participation meetings and hearings. Regular meetings are held on the Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Finnerty Ho Budget hearings are conducted during the time period February through April; a schedule of these hearings is filed the Town Clerk and is posted on official bulletin boards.

Respectfully submitted

George McQuillen, Jr.
Chairman

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPE & ACCOUNT GROUPS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 1988

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals
SETS						
sh	1,088,887.81	563,916.93	51,144.27	271,800.82		1,975,749.83
vestments				1,112,527.90		1,112,527.90
counts Receivable:						
Property Taxes	2,343,538.80					2,343,538.80
Excise Taxes	109,963.94					109,963.94
Tax Liens	116,223.95					116,223.95
User Charges	6,150.28					6,150.28
Special Assessments	15,437.69					15,437.69
Departmental	95,518.69					95,518.69
Less Allowance For Uncollectible Accts.	(183,448.92)					(183,448.92)
Interest & Dividends				13,526.36		13,526.36
x Foreclosure	904.71					904.71
e from other Governments		223,006.83	19,107.00			242,113.83
nount to be Provided for Payment of Debt					6,885,303.94	6,885.303.94
tal Assets	3,593,176.95	786,923.76	70,251.27	1,397,855.08	6,885,303.94	12,733,511.00
ABILITIES & FUND EQUITY						
ABILITIES						
arrant Payable	543,610.53	23,791.86				567,402.39
nployee Withholdings	23,382.74					23,382.74
ferred Revenue						
Property Taxes	168,880.88					168,880.88
Excise Taxes	109,963.94					109,963.94
Tax Liens	116,223.95					116,223.95
User Charges	3,968.11					3,968.11
Departmental	95,518.69					95,518.69
Special Assessments	15,437.69					15,437.69
Due from other Governments		202,261.00	19,107.00			221,368.00
nclaimed Checks	2,139.76	700.00				2,839.76
ue other Governments	2,242.96					2,242.96
mporary Loans	1,000,000.00					1,000,000.00
ond Indebtedness					6,885,303.94	6,885,303.94
otal Liabilities	2,081,369.25	226,752.86	19,107.00		6,885,303.94	9,212,533.05
und Equity						
eserve for Encumbrance	799,817.85	50,034.36				849,852.21
eserve for Over (Under) Estimates	(1,649.25)					(1,649.25)
nreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year Expense	217,844.00	510,136.54				727,980.54
Undesignated	495,795.10		50,644.27	1,309,017.94		1,855,457.31
eserved			500.00	88,837.14		89,337.14
otal Fund Equity	1,511,807.70	560,170.90	51,144.27	1,397,855.08		3,520,977.95
otal Liabilities and Fund Equity	3,593,176.95	786,923.76	70,251.27	1,397,855.08	6,885,303.94	12,733,511.00

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENT FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 1988

	General Government Type Fund			Fiduciary	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Type Fund Exp. Trusts	Memorand Only
Revenues:					
Taxes	3,726,235.26				3,726,23
State Receipts	3,968,949.60				3,968,94
Excise Taxes	438,513.61				438,51
Tax Liens	31,489.07				31,48
Licenses, Permits, Fees	883,847.44	524,662.16			1,408,50
Interest	116,970.58	29,377.11		113,471.75	259,81
Grants		650,614.94	74,859.00	36,000.00	761,47
Other	838.99				83
Total Revenues	9,166,844.55	1,204,654.21	74,859.00	149,471.75	10,595,82
Expenditures:					
General Government	422,185.74	11,622.09			433,80
Protection	671,778.94	30,718.18			702,49
Education	5,010,283.73	661,141.87			5,671.42
Highways	550,660.75	216,939.27			767,60
Environmental	173,264.73	26,161.81			199,42
Human Services	247,344.75	219,136.56		15,036.64	481,51
Library & Recreation	141,309.89	6,229.82			147,53
Building & Grounds	146,436.23	3,942.08			150,37
Unclassified	641,537.22	42,197.14			683,73
Debt & Interest	1,105,565.28				1,105,56
State Assessments	207,031.25				207,03
Prior Year Expenditures	495,293.54				495,29
Construction			192,772.71		192,77
Total Expenditures	9,812,692.05	1,218,088.82	192,772.71	15,036.64	11,238,59
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(645,847.50)	(13,434.61)	(117,913.71)	134,435.11	(642,76
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	103,080.00				103,08
Operating Transfers (Out)	—0—	(3,080.00)		(100,000.00)	(103,08
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	103,080.00	(3,080.00)		(100,000.00)	—0
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expend. & Other Financing (Uses)	(542,767.50)	(16,514.61)	(117,913.71)	34,435.11	(642,76
Fund Balance 7/1/87	2,054,575.20	577,385.51	169,057.98	1,274,582.83	4,075,60
Fund Balance 6/30/88	1,511,807.70	560,870.90	51,144.27	1,309,017.94	3,432,84

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
LONG TERM DEBT GROUPS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1988

	Warren Wright Water Loan	Rita Lane Water Loan	Bay Road Water Loan	School Construction Loan	Sewer Construction Loan	Totals Memorandum Only
sets						
nount to be Provided for Payment of Debt	14,300.00	22,000.00	3,280.00	6,770,000.00	75,723.94	6,885,303.94
abilities						
nd Indebtedness	14,300.00	22,000.00	3,280.00	6,770,000.00	75,723.94	6,885,303.94

SCHEDULE OF BOND INDEBTEDNESS
JUNE 30, 1988

	Loan Insured	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/87	Paid In FY 1988	Outstanding 6/30/88	Due In FY 1989
arren Wright Water Loan	1980	5.0	16,700.00	2,400.00	14,300.00	2,400.00
ta Lane Water Loan	1983	5.0	24,500.00	2,500.00	22,000.00	2,500.00
y Road Water Loan	1984	5.0	3,610.00	330.00	3,280.00	330.00
iddle School Construction Loan	1984	9.27	7,180,000.00	410,000.00	6,770,000.00	410,000.00
uth Belchertown Sewer Loan	1987	4.6	94,654.93	18,930.99	75,723.94	18,930.99
			7,319,464.93	434,160.99	6,885,303.94	434,160.99

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
JUNE 30, 1988

	Balance 7/1/87	Additions	Income	Expended	Trans. Out	Designated for Subsequent Years Expense	Undesig. Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/88
or Funds:								
Susan M.D. Bridgman	78,304.31		10,564.08	13,087.84			75,780.55	75,780.55
Whiting Street	16,269.79		1,563.65				17,833.44	17,833.44
chool Funds:								
George W. Longley								
Music	812.62		167.55				980.17	980.17
Calvin Bridgman H.S.	3,938.02		591.02				4,529.04	4,529.04
ibrary Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Lib.	4,565.70		508.75				5,074.45	5,074.45
own Clock Fund:								
Frank Scialla Mem.	473.58		153.99				627.57	627.57
emetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	11,856.85		3,994.28	1,912.80			13,938.33	13,938.33
Nellie E. Brown	1,989.83		177.36	30.00			2,137.19	2,137.19

Susan M.D. Bridgman	471.28		36.96				508.24	508
Willard Stebbins	1,822.47		195.19				2,107.66	2,017
Vianna E. Somes	855.64		66.29				921.93	921
Pension Fund	538.45		742.38				1,280.83	1,280
Harold Hollings Fund	157.66		18.16	6.00			169.82	169
Conservation Fund	14,066.44	1,000.00	879.10				15,945.54	15,945
Stabilization Fund	1,138,460.19	35,000.00	93,812.99		100,000.00		1,167,273.18	1,167,273
	1,274,582.83	36,000.00	113,471.75	15,036.64	100,000.00	—0—	1,309,017.94	1,309,017

Town of Belchertown Massachusetts
Statement of Expenditures Compared With Authorizations
June 30, 1988

	Budget	Transfers not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbe to 1989
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	45.00		35.00	10.00	
Selectmen	17,511.00		16,594.22	916.78	
Executive Secretary	36,990.00	270.58	37,260.58		
Accountant Secretary	84,038.00		78,611.97	5,426.03	
Computer System	103,000.00		135.00	102,865.00	102,865
Clerk, Collector, Treas.	125,853.00		114,524.14	11,328.86	3,000
Assessors	131,473.00		95,837.33	35,635.67	33,300
Law Account	38,750.00		36,567.21	2,182.79	
Finance Committee	635.00		145.13	489.87	
Election & Registration	22,925.00	2,200.00	14,741.32	10,383.68	2,200
Planning Board	23,633.00	2,400.00	23,648.19	2,384.81	
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm.	1,188.30		1,188.30		
Zoning Board of Appeals	3,075.00		2,897.35	177.65	
Personnel Board	55.00			55.00	
	589,171.30	4,870.58	422,185.74	171,856.14	141,365
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	501,736.00	2,377.69	478,400.34	25,713.35	11,588
Police Station	7,100.00		4,692.42	2,407.58	2,000
Ambulance	21,960.00		20,295.24	1,664.76	
Fire Department	117,609.00	161.00	93,099.61	24,670.39	23,000
Dog Control	12,300.00		9,719.61	2,580.39	24
Inspection Services	50,625.00	2,500.00	50,628.30	2,496.70	
Civil Defense	1,050.00	188.00	1,234.03	3.97	
Tree Warden & Forestry	14,146.00		13,709.39	436.61	
	726,526.00	5,226.69	671,778.94	59,973.75	36,612
EDUCATION					
Town Schools	5,006,729.00	6,750.00	4,690.246.29	323,232.71	321,976
Pathfinder	320,038.00		320,037.44	.56	
	5,326,767.00	6,750.00	5,010,283.73	323,233.27	321,976

GHWAYS					
sonal Services	259,538.00	262.00	244,855.40	14,944.60	
wn Garage	10,830.00		10,453.99	376.01	52.75
nstruction Materials	22,000.00		19,233.77	2,766.23	
ed Services	29,000.00		27,494.77	1,505.23	
eets	60,000.00		59,338.13	661.87	
ad Machinery	72,050.00	14,419.00	75,322.77	11,146.23	11,000.00
ow Removal	77,000.00		76,935.71	64.29	
ewalks	7,000.00		6,224.46	775.54	
W Study	1,800.00		925.00	875.00	875.00
fessional Engineering	11,000.00		8,719.25	2,280.75	
eet Lighting	25,000.00		21,157.50	3,842.50	
	575,218.00	14,681.00	550,660.75	39,238.25	11,927.75
VIRONMENTAL					
nitary Landfill	102,700.00	7,505.00	95,928.22	14,276.78	14,000.00
wer Commission	61,500.00	5,200.00	65,648.00	1,052.00	
nservation Commission	7,780.00		7,774.84	5.16	
lustrial Development	25.00			25.00	
ergy Resource Comm.	25.00			25.00	
zardous Waste Collection	1,056.00	2,599.00	3,655.00		
storical Commission	325.00		258.67	66.33	
	173,411.00	15,304.00	173,264.73	15,450.27	14,000.00
JMAN SERVICES					
ard of Health	14,688.00		13,610.60	1,077.40	
abbin Health District	23,269.50		16,493.44	6,776.06	6,776.06
uncil on Aging	84,194.00	2,000.00	79,383.44	6,810.56	5,500.00
terans Agent	100,270.00	8,222.00	108,049.33	442.67	
metery Commission	32,200.00		29,041.90	3,158.10	
obile Home Rent Control	1,700.00		766.04	933.96	
	256,321.50	10,222.00	247,344.75	19,198.75	12,276.06
BRARY & RECREATION					
orary	48,520.00		39,247.25	9,272.75	
rks, Beach, Recreation	99,554.00		91,294.39	8,259.61	
d Town Hall	5,500.00	6,287.00	10,768.25	1,018.75	
	153,574.00	6,287.00	141,309.89	18,551.11	
JILDINGS & GROUNDS					
ilding & Grounds Maintenance	99,974.00	800.00	98,964.90	1,809.10	1,200.00
wrence Memorial Hall	9,000.00	1,400.00	10,229.34	170.66	
nnerty House	3,210.00	1,800.00	4,339.11	670.89	48.80
wn Common	1,700.00		1,502.88	197.12	
wn Clock	500.00		400.00	100.00	
M.H. Renovations	60,000.00			60,000.00	60,000.00
eiss Property Purchase	31,000.00		31,000.00		
	205,384.00	4,000.00	146,436.23	62,947.77	61,248.80
NCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS					
surance	454,585.00	2,345.00	443,962.21	12,967.79	
ensions	155,821.00	200.00	155,895.20	125.80	
nclassified		121.00	120.79	.21	
npaid Bills — Prior Year	6,559.02		6,559.02		
abilization Fund	35,000.00		35,000.00		

Reserve Fund	70,500.00	(70,007.27)		492.73	
	722,465.02	(67,341.27)	641,537.22	13,586.53	
DEBT & INTEREST					
Interest	687,699.00		671,404.29	16,294.71	
Maturing Debt	434,161.00		434,160.99	.01	
	1,121,860.00		1,105,565.28	16,294.72	
SUMMARY					
General Government	589,171.30	4,870.58	422,185.74	171,856.14	141,365.
Protection of Persons & Property	726,526.00	5,226.69	671,778.94	59,973.75	36,612.
Education	5,326,767.00	6,750.00	5,010,283.73	323,233.27	321,976.
Highways	575,218.00	14,681.00	550,660.75	39,238.25	11,927.
Environmental	173,411.00	15,304.00	173,264.73	15,450.27	14,000
Human Services	256,321.50	10,222.00	247,344.75	19,198.75	12,276
Library & Recreation	153,574.00	6,287.00	141,309.89	18,551.11	
Buildings & Grounds	205,384.00	4,000.00	146,436.23	62,947.77	61,248
Unclassified Accounts	722,465.02	(67,341.27)	641,537.22	13,586.53	
Debt & Interest	1,121,860.00		1,105,565.28	16,294.72	
	9,850,697.82		9,110,367.26	740,330.56	599,406
Encumbered Funds		705,101.60	495,293.54	209,808.06	200,411
	9,850,697.82	705,101.60	9,605,660.80	950,138.62	799,817

	Budget	**Brought Forward to FY88**	**Actual**	**Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)**	**Encumb to FY**
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
Assessors		4,800.00	3,300.00	1,500.00	1,500
Police Expense		2.65	2.65		
Town School Salaries & Expenses		211,393.92	206,167.38	5,226.54	
School Building Committee		4,169.99		4,169.99	
Town School Building Improvements		25,256.11	10,997.70	14,258.41	14,258
Intersection Reconstruction		22,003.00	21,803.10	199.90	199
Sewer Commission		6,879.75	6,879.75		
Lakes Restoration		10,000.00	6,250.00	3,750.00	3,750
Library		1,109.81	1,109.81		
Unclassified		190.00	190.00		
LMH Renovation		220,725.37	53,593.15	167,132.22	167,132
Campbell/Daigle Property Purchase		13,571.00		13,571.00	13,571
Weiss Property Purchase		185,000.00	185,000.00		
		705,101.60	495,293.54	209,808.06	200,411

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 1988

ar	Principal	Interest	Total
89	434,160.99	613,639.80	1,047,800.79
90	434,160.99	574,582.48	1,008,743.47
91	424,260.98	535,987.65	960,148.63
92	424,160.98	497,855.33	922,016.31
93	405,130.00	459,723.00	864,853.00
94	405,030.00	422,469.00	827,499.00
95	402,730.00	385,275.00	788,005.00
96	402,730.00	348,138.50	750,868.50
97	402,720.00	311,002.00	713,722.00
98	400,320.00	273,866.00	674,186.00
99	400,000.00	236,850.00	636,850.00
00	400,000.00	199,850.00	599,850.00
01	400,000.00	162,750.00	562,750.00
02	400,000.00	125,550.00	525,550.00
03	400,000.00	88,350.00	488,350.00
04	400,000.00	51,150.00	451,150.00
05	350,000.00	16,275.00	366,275.00
	6,885,303.94	5,303,313.76	12,188,617.70

Report of Town Treasurer

July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988

sh on hand 6/30/87	$1,520,490.63	Payments, as authorized	$18,745,867.32
ceipts 7/1/87-6/30/88	18,634,506.32	Cash on hand 6/30/88	1,409,129.63
	$20,154,996.95		$20,154,996.95

terest income from Savings Deposits & Investments in Certificates of Deposit, etc., but excluding Trust Funds, Federal Revenue aring, Special Accounts, & Stabilization Account — $96,376.95

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

sh on hand 6/30/87	$126,223.63	Payments, as authorized	$132,273.38
ceipts 7/1/87-6/30/88:		Cash on hand 6/30/88	0.00
Principal Interest			$132,273.38
—— 6049.75=	6,049.75		
	$132,273.38		

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/87-6/30/88, as authorized

te	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
4	Revenue Anticipation Loan	Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County	10/28/87	$1,000,000.	12/28/87	5.00%	$8,333.33
5- 1	Revenue Anticipation Loan	Shawmut-Worcester County	4/11/88	1,000,000.	6/30/88	4.69%	10,422.22
2- 7	Renewal of Notes #495-501 (Revenue Anticipation Loan)	Shawmut-Worcester County	6/30/88	1,000,000.	9/30/88	5.20%	At Maturity

Trust Funds & Special Accounts

Account	6/30/87	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	6/30/8
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	9,938.02	-	591.02	-	10,529
George D. Longley (Music)	2,812.62	-	167.55	-	2,980
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	671.28	-	36.96	-	708
Whiting Street	26,269.79	-	1,563.65	-	27,833
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	3,322.47	-	195.19	-	3,517
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	8,565.70	-	508.75	-	9,074
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor)	76,442.30	7,835.05	4,611.04	13,107.84	75,780
Vienna Somes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,155.64	-	66.29	-	1,221
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	2,989.83	-	177.36	30.00	3,137
Perpetual Care (MMDT) (Cemeteries)	53,640.85	-	3,655.24	1,912.80	55,383
Perpetual Care (Regular acct.) (Cemeteries)	5,373.14	1,080.00	339.04	-	6,792
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	2,573.58	-	153.99	-	2,727
Harold Hollings Fund	157.66	-	18.16	175.82	0
Conservation Fund	14,066.44	1,000.00	879.10	-	15,945
Pension Reserve Fund	10,538.45	-	742.38	-	11,280
Senior Center Trust	0.0	3.134.51	49.10	-	3,183
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	279,196.33	-	11,443.14	290,639.47	0
Stabilization Fund (Invested as C.D.'s)	1,038,947.03	-	70,080.87	-	1,109,027
Stabilization Fund (Bay Bank)	0.00	115,639.47	4,089.94	-	119,729
	1,536,661.13	128,689.03	99,368.77	305,865.93	1,458,853

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor) — State Audit Value $3,500. — 12 month Dividend — $7,835.05

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Treasurer

Town and Tax Collector

July 1, 1987 — June 30, 1988

scal 1975 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		356.40
llected	0.00	
tstanding 6/30/88	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

scal 1976 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		234.60
llected	0.00	
tstanding 6/30/88	234.60	
	234.60	234.60

scal 1977 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		335.65
llected	335.65	
tstanding 6/30/88	0.00	
	335.65	335.65

scal 1978 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		416.00
llected	416.00	
tstanding 6/30/88	0.00	
	416.00	416.00

scal 1979 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		1,419.28
llected	527.80	
tstanding 6/30/88	891.48	
	1,419.28	1,419.28

scal 1980 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		1,467.20
llected	509.60	
tstanding 6/30/88	957.60	
	1,467.20	1,467.20

scal 1981 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		1,326.49
llected	509.60	
tstanding 6/30/88	816.89	
	1,326.49	1,326.49

scal 1982 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		2,275.79
llected	845.24	
tstanding 6/30/88	1,430.55	
	2,275.79	2,275.79

scal 1983 Real Estate Tax

tstanding 6/30/87		1,424.35
llected	866.50	
tstanding 6/30/88	557.85	
	1,424.35	1,424.35

Fiscal 1984 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		1,546.26
Collected	886.83	
Outstanding 6/30/88	659.43	
	1,546.26	1,546.26

Fiscal 1985 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		3,065.12
Collected	963.35	
Outstanding 6/30/88	2,101.77	
	3,065.12	3,065.12

Fiscal 1986 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		20,086.79
To Tax Title	6,288.13	
Collected	10,247.46	
Outstanding 6/30/88	3,551.20	
	28,886.79	20,086.79

Fiscal 1987 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		190,141.64
Refunded		693.59
Audit Adjustment		54.28
Abated	131.81	
To Subsequent Tax Title	32,282.69	
Collected	128,104.87	
Outstanding 6/30/88	30,370.14	
	190,889.51	190,889.51

Fiscal 1988 Real Estate Tax

Committed for Collection		1,701,877.36
Refunded		16,212.00
Collected	1,632,948.01	
Outstanding 6/30/88	85,141.35	
	1,718,089.36	1,718,089.36

1980 Boat Excise

Outstanding 6/30/87		88.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/88	88.00	
	88.00	88.00

Fiscal 1978 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		17.68
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/3/88	17.68	
	17.68	17.68

Fiscal 1980 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		84.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/88	84.00	
	84.00	84.00

Fiscal 1981 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		84.00
Collected	0.00	

Outstanding 6/30/88	84.00	
	84.00	84.00

Fiscal 1982 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		72.18
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/88	72.18	
	72.18	72.18

Fiscal 1983 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		360.56
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/88	360.56	
	360.56	360.56

Fiscal 1984 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		405.83
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/88	405.83	
	405.83	405.83

Fiscal 1985 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		775.88
Collected	43.39	
Outstanding 6/30/88	732.49	
	775.88	775.88

Fiscal 1986 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		819.33
Collected	39.94	
Outstanding 6/30/88	779.39	
	819.33	819.33

Fiscal 1987 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/87		3,143.11
Collected	2,542.30	
Outstanding 6/30/88	600.81	
	3,143.11	3,143.11

Fiscal 1988 Personal Property Tax

Committed for Collection		43,043.00
Refunded		16.00
Collected	42,181.40	
Outstanding 6/30/88	877.60	
	43,059.00	43,059.00

986 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/87		38.00
Collected	38.00	
Outstanding 6/30/88	0.00	
	38.00	38.00

1987 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/87		210.80
Collected	210.80	
Outstanding 6/30/88	0.00	
	210.80	210.80

1988 Bay Road Betterment

Committed for Collection		1,42
Collected	1,166.75	
Outstanding 6/30/88	258.40	
	1,425.15	1,42

1988 Warren Wright Betterment

Committed for Collection		131
Refunded		8
Collected	1,310.89	
Outstanding 6/30/88	83.70	
	1,394.59	1,39

1985 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/87		2
Collected	27.50	
Outstanding 6/30/88	0.00	
	27.50	2

1987 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/87		1,39
To Subsequent Tax Title	359.69	
Collected	738.71	
Outstanding 6/30/88	291.76	
	1,390.16	1,39

1988 Water Liens

Comm. for Collection		10,11
Refunded		3
Collected	8,261.22	
Outstanding 6/30/88	1,890.41	
	10,151.63	10,1

1985 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/87		3
Collected as Liens on FY87 Real Est. Tax	348.64	
Outstanding 6/30/88	0.00	
	348.64	3

1986 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/87		3,4
Committed Int. & Dem.		4
Collected as Charges	468.50	
Collected as Liens on FY88 Real Est. Tx	3,085.01	
Outstanding 6/30/88	386.16	
	3,939.67	3,9

1987 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/87		48,5
Comm. for Collection		7,0
Refunded		1
Abated	130.00	
Collected	52,022.84	

tstanding 6/30/88	3,581.95	
	55,734.79	55,734.79

5 Chapter 61

tstanding 6/30/87		9.97
lected	0.00	
tstanding 6/30/88	9.97	
	9.97	9.97

3 Farm Animal Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		238.00
lected	130.50	
tstanding 6/30/88	107.50	
	238.00	238.00

4 Farm Animal Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		279.00
lected	130.50	
tstanding 6/30/88	148.50	
	279.00	279.00

5 Farm Animal Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		197.00
lected	81.50	
tstanding 6/30/88	115.50	
	197.00	197.00

6 Farm Animal Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		202.50
lected	143.50	
tstanding 6/30/88	59.00	
	202.50	202.50

8 Motor Vehicle Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		7,829.90
lected	258.78	
tstanding 6/30/88	7,571.12	
	7,829.90	7,829.90

9 Motor Vehicle Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		11,176.36
lected	193.05	
tstanding 6/30/88	10,983.31	
	11,176.36	11,176.36

0 Motor Vehicle Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		10,502.10
lected	256.58	
tstanding 6/30/88	10,245.52	
	10,502.10	10,502.10

1 Motor Vehicle Excise

tstanding 6/30/87		3,172.02
lected	22.28	
tstanding 6/30/88	3,149.74	
	3,172.02	3,172.02

1982 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/87		4,235.44
Collected	162.82	
Outstanding 6/30/88	4,072.62	
	4,235.44	4,235.44

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/87		3,889.75
Collected	370.80	
Outstanding 6/30/88	3,518.95	
	3,889.75	3,889.75

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/87		4,699.97
Collected	417.05	
Outstanding 6/30/88	4,282.92	
	4,699.97	4,699.97

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/87		6,782.73
Collected	798.24	
Outstanding 6/30/88	5,984.49	
	6,782.73	6,782.73

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/87		10,277.40
Comm. for Collection		6,868.98
Refunded		251.72
Abated	1,796.74	
Collected	8,942.52	
Outstanding 6/30/88	6,658.84	
	17,398.10	17,398.10

1987 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/88		30,961.46
Comm. for Collection		227,876.64
Refunded		4,150.15
Abated	14,200.84	
Collected	223,755.47	
Outstanding 6/30/88	25,031.94	
	262,988.25	262,988.25

1988 Motor Vehicle Excise

Comm. for Collection		256,095.38
Refunded		1,870.70
Abated	6,816.50	
Collected	223,213.56	
Outstanding 6/30/88	27,936.02	
	257,966.08	257,966.08

Misc. Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/87		5,396.33
Comm. for Collection		11,488.45
Collected	6,912.38	
Outstanding 6/30/88	9,972.40	
	16,884.78	16,884.78

Ambulance Charges

Outstanding 6/30/87		5,163.16
Comm. for Collection		23,149.10
Refunded		293.72
Abated	3,085.23	
Collected	19,302.63	
Outstanding 6/30/88	6,218.12	
	28,605.98	28,605.98

TOTAL COLLECTION DURING JULY 1987 — JUNE 1988

Taxes, Excises, Liens	2,348,523.95
Miscellaneous Accounts	26,215.01
Fees (Warrants & Demands)	10,775.00
Interest on All Taxes, Excises, Liens	26,597.32
	2,412,111.28

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Town and Tax Collector

1988 Town Clerk Report

Statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Northampton	27	26
Springfield	28	21
Ware	1	4
Holyoke	6	3
Malden	1	0
Belchertown	0	1
	63	55

Total Births recorded in Belchertown - 118

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	38	42
Non-Resident	17	13
	55	55

Married at:

Belchertown	31
Out of Town	24
	55

Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown - 51
Males - 32 Females - 19
Resident - 50 Non-resident - 1

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	10
Montague	1
Holyoke	4
Palmer	6
Ware	11
Northampton	1
Worcester	1
Fitchburg	1
Boston	1
Springfield	9
Amherst	1
Ludlow	1
W. Brookfield	2
Westfield	1
South Hadley	1

Financial

Receipts	Amount	No. Ite
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	7,872.20	
Dog Licenses (Gross)	8,028.00	1,
B-M-D Copies (Certified)	753.00	
B-M-D Copies (Abstracts)	186.00	
Record Search	13.00	
Marriage Intentions	216.00	
UCC & Termination Filings	2,465.00	
Pole Orders	104.00	
Sale of Zoning By Laws	1,795.00	
Sale of Subdivision Regulations	420.00	
Planning Board Fees	15,742.60	
Board of Appeals Fees	3,675.00	
Fuel & Gas Registration	27.50	
Business Registration	42.50	
Raffle Permits	120.00	
Sale of Street Lists	552.00	
Miscellaneous Sales	95.25	
	42,107.05	3,

Payments to:

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	7,59
Town of Belchertown	34,51
	42,10

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

"What's cookin' in the Assessors' Office?"

1988 proved to be another year full of activity in the sessors' Office.

Take one town experiencing tremendous growth. Add one nnial update/revaluation. Mix with an increasing need for in-ise computerization. Season with a dash of change in staff and i've got one bubbling, brewing office working to get the "main irse" (tax bills) served on time!

Growth is apparent in the increase in valuation from 74,167,034 in 1987 to $342,480,875 in 1988. Our total parcel int, including Real and Personal Property, increased from 00 to approximately 4,400 parcels. In 1988, 159 building mits were issued for single family dwellings alone, while the al number of permits to be reviewed and acted on neared 500. ong with the continual growth of new homes we also see pansion in the number of motor vehicle excise bills to be ocessed.

Our ten year certification cost us precious time—but was dently time well spent. The State Department's review of our ues determined them to be fair and equitable. This was recon-ned during the abatement process of the FY '88 bills. Less than e percent of the tax dollar amounts committed for both the Real l Personal Property were abated and only a portion of that ure was due to "Assessors Corrections".

Implementation of computerization at both the Registry of eds and the Registry of Motor Vehicles caused delays in the cessing of information for the Assessors Office. Though ays in obtaining our in-house computer capabilities further tponed progress for Fiscal Year '88, the eventual gain of the ential equipment promises to be benefical to our efficiency l productivity.

Staff changes also hindered progress. Beyond routine ice duties, time had to be taken to educate individuals in the essing laws and procedures necessary to function in their sition.

We welcome Lori Atwell as the latest addition to our staff. r abilities and enthusiasm have far exceeded our expectations l her willingness to contribute to the team effort is evident in work.

Much time is spent helping the taxpayer to understand the ocesses required to verify information. (ex. fiscal year dates; ien is property assessed?; when can a name change legally be alized?; explaining "types of land" on assessment cards—i.e., en space, residential, wet, etc.)

Certain inquiries may go through many steps in order to be verified—whether it be a request for property values; ownership; or book, page and date of acquisition of property. A variety of steps are also involved in verifying abutters lists for variances, licenses, pole hearings, etc. Items requiring assessors signatures take time. Many people think that something can be completed in a day or two when it actually may take up to two weeks to finalize.

In assisting the taxpayers, appraisers, real estate salespeople, banks, lawyers, etc. (both at the counter and over the telephone) time is taken not only in giving the information but also in explaining the use of reference materials provided at the counter for public use.

Personal help is given, particularly to assist the elderly, infirmed, veterans, and others in filing a tax exemption application. This includes going to their home if they are unable to appear personally.

There is continuous record-keeping and amending to update lot changes, revisions and ownership changes through surveys and deed transfers.

Apportionment of a tax bill requires tedious research to determine exact portions owed by each party concerned.

In conclusion, the Assessing Office has taken on a new image. Innovations in the field have necessitated the creation of a more effective structuring of the office. Positions have been reorganized and upgraded to accommodate the professional field of assessing and now consist of a Clerk/Typist/Receptionist, Lori Atwell; Technical Assistant, Shirley Addie; Administrative Assistant, Gretchen Martin; and Principal Assistant Assessor, David Staples. The Assessors would like to acknowledge the staff's untiring efforts and dedication to their work.

The Board Members and their staff wish to take this opportunity, once more, to thank the taxpayers of Belchertown for their patience and cooperation over the years.

We firmly pledge to be on time with the Fiscal Year 1990 tax bills.

Board of Assessors,

Roy A. Voci
Janise G. Fitzpatrick
Gregory R. Dillard

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals regretfully accepted the resignation of Fred Bartmon, Chairman, effective December 1, 1988. Andre Michaud was voted as Chairman and Thomas Shattuck as clerk in November. Michael O'Connor has done an outstanding job as alternate in the absence of a third member.

The Board of Appeals received 50 applications in 1988. This included 34 applications for Special Permits, 14 for variances, 1 Appeal, and 1 Comprehensive Permit. Of the Special Permits 17 were approved, 7 were withdrawn, 6 were denied or dismissed and 4 were carried forward to 1989. Of the 14 Variances, 10 were approved, 1 continued and 1 carried forward to 1989, with 2 being denied. The largest portion of the 50 applications were for duplex construction or conversion with a total of 19, 2 were for triplex conversion and 4 for gravel removal. Several applications related to the Aquifer and reflect the concern and need to protect the towns water supply.

The Comprehensive Permit application that had begun in 1987 to construct 32 housing units under the Home ownership Opportunity Program (HOP) was approved and construction has begun.

Tree Warden

This year thirty one dangerous trees were removed. of trees were trimmed for dead wood, low and dangerous li There were sixteen call outs for storm damage. Ten trees planted.

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Dutch Elm Disease

Eleven trees with Dutch Elm were removed.

Insect Pest Control

Elm trees were sprayed twice for Elm Bark Beetle. S troubled areas were sprayed for Gypsy Moth and Eastern Caterpillar.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden & Superintendent
of Insect Pest Control

Planning Office Annual Report

The year 1988 has been an active one for the Planning Board and the staff. I came aboard at about mid-year to find activities in full swing, including subdivision applications, both preliminary and definitive, Special Permit application for comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals, regulations to rewrite and the By-Law to review.

GENERAL

The personnel of the Planning Office have turned over once again: James Mazik, Town Planner from 1986 departed to work for Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in March. He is still in regular contact with the Town with regards to special projects through the Town's membership on the Commission. Annette Fellion continues to serve ably as Administrative Assistant with both the Planning and Inspection Services Offices. John S. Manter has been hired to replace Mr. Mazik and began work on 31 May. Mr. Manter has been hired to replace Planner's tasks and provided staff support to:

-Subdivision Regulations Subcommittee, and
-Strategic Planning Committee

as well as the Planning Board and other Town departments.

RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

Subdivision applications, preliminary and defin have taken up a major portion of this office's time. Review inspections, consulting with developers engineers, attor Board members, abutters and the interested public, filing re and preparing for public hearings is necessary for each application.

Fourteen (14) subdivision applications were proc during 1988, to be approved, approved with modificat disapproved or continued to 1989. The office has also proc two (2) Common Drive Special Permit applications and (3) applications for Cluster Subdivision under the new Sec 'Open Space Community Development' By-Law. Perform Guarantees for eight (8) other subdivision were process regular meetings.

The Subdivision Regulations Subcommittee, form late 1987, has prepared a draft of revised Subdivision Re tions for the Planning Board's action in 1989. This Subco tee wrestled long and hard with outdated design standard requirements to produce an updated version of this docu within one (1) year of being charged with this task.

NING/LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Zoning Map for Belchertown was amended at the
nul Town Meeting of 14 May 1988 to remove lots 86 and 87
essor's Map 10A from the Residential Zone District off
rth Main Street and include these in the Limited Business
ie District. The Zoning By-Law was amended to include,
ler Sec. IV. A.2. Specially permitted uses in the General
idential Zone District:

1. Office and Clinic for medical, psychiatric or other health services for the examinations treatment of persons as out-patients, including only laboratories that are part of such office or clinic with 2,500 square feet or less of floor space; and

The Right to Farm Law, Ch. 613 of the Acts of 1986 was accepted at the Special Town Meeting of 4 August 1988.

The sum of $5,000.00 was voted to be raised or appropriated to do a design study of the Piper Farm property (Lot #4 Assessor's Map 13), recently acquired by the Town at the Special Town meeting of 24 September 1988.

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), formed in early 1986 to serve as an advisory role of formulating long-range development strategies, has been working on the comprehensive revision of the Town's Zoning By-law and Zoning Map. Items included for proposal to be accepted at a Town meeting include:

-Site Plan review process
-New Sign regulations
-Creation of a light industrial Zone District

-Categorization of Commercial Districts into four (4)
rate business zones.

JOR PROJECTS

The Town's first affordable housing under the Massachu-
Homeownership Opportunity Program (HOP) came closer
uition in 1988. Thirteen (13) dwelling units are to be made
lable at affordable and very affordable housing prices. Poten-
buyers were selected through a lottery in December. Con-
ction was under way well before year's end for the Cold
ng Commons project.

ANTS

The disposition to the following grant applications, pend-
n 1988 were determined:

—Rural Design Assistance Program - Town Common/Federal Street preservation Program.
$17,500.00; NOT FUNDED

—Strategic Planning Program - Long Range Planning Technical Assistance, $23,000.00; FUNDED

CONCLUSION

The upcoming year is expected to be as busy as the previous one. Residential subdivisions activity continues. On-going Planning projects should be brought before the Planning Board and Town meeting. I expect to continue rendering staff support and technical assistance to the various Town Boards, Commissions and Department on immediate daily planning issues and comprehensive long-range ones in the comming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Manter
Town Planner

Planning Board Report

General Activity

During the recent growth years, review of residential subdivisions and subdivision Approval-Not-Required (ANR) plans have comprised the lion's share of Belchertown Planing Board activity. The year 1988 proved no different in this respect. Before the year's dust settled, the above would result in the definitive approval of seven (7) new subdivisions consisting of 107 building lots, with an additional eighty-eight (88) ANR lots created along existing Town road frontage, and representing $17,682.60 returned to the Town in application and endorsement fees.

Two lawsuits were filed against the Board to appeal unfavorable decisions rendered on subdivisions applications. Both are still pending at the end of the year.

Of special note, was the landmark September approval of the first application submitted under the recently-adopted Open Space Community Development (Cluster) By-Law, providing for the creation of 19.1 acres of permanent open space in conjunction with residential development. A second such application was under review by year's end, as well. The Planning Board continues to encourage OSCD as a land development option essential to the rural-residential quality of our community.

During 1988, the Board continued to provide input to the Zoning Board of Appeals on special permit and variance requests, and made recommendation to May Town Meeting on two (2) landowner-petitioned zone change request.

New Faces

A surprising turnover of staff and members has become another familiar trend in recent years. Again, 1988 was no exception. This year we welcomed John S. Manter to the position of Town Planner following the 16 March resignation of James M. Mazik.

A proud native of the State of Maine, Mr. Manter comes to us, highly regarded, from the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, where he served as Town Planner, a position he also previously held in the Worcester County Town of Templeton, Massachusetts. His educational backgound includes an undergraduate degree in History from the University of Maine, followed by Masters degrees in both continuing and Vocational Education and Community Plannng from the Universities of Wisconsin and Rhode Island, respectively. In addition, John has lived and worked in such diverse locations as Zaire and Finland. His experience in subdivision and site plan review as well as wetlands, subdivision and zoning regulations make him a valuable asset to our community's Planning Department and Board. Mr. Manter assumed the position on 31 May.

Mark S. Lindhult of Allen Road, a faculty member of the University of Massachusetts Landscaping Architecture and Regional Planning Department survived the May 16 Town Election as the winner of a 5 year term position on the Board replacing long time member Donald S. Cole. Mark had previously served as Vice Chairman of the Belchertown Conservation Commission. To his credit is the very impressive and effective "sticker" campaign that he began a little over a week before voting day. Fortunately for this Board as well, Don Cole has expressed his willingness to continue with us in an Associate Membership capacity.

Janet Ann DaSilva of Woodhaven Drive was appointed in August to fill a five (5) year Board position created by the July 1st resignation of Ellen J. Wenner. Mrs. DaSilva has been a Planning Board "watchdog" of sorts during the past several years, having developed a direct working relationship with various Town boards and committees. She has most recently been a member of the Belchertown Rent Control Board, and has served on local and regional political and professional organizations throughout this area.

The make-up of the current Board is as follows: Carmine L. Angeloni, Chair and Strategic Planning Committee representative, Mark S. Lindhult, Vice-Chair, James Hodgen, Clerk, Subdivision Regulations Committee and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission representative; Dominic Colaccino, Member, Janet Ann DaSilva, Member, and Donald S. Cole, Associate Member.

Strategic Planning Committee

1988 proved to be an eventful year for the Strategic Planning Committee, an adjunct advisory group established by the Planning Board in 1987 to focus on various long-range planning goals and issues.

Active since 1987, the SPC has devoted much of the yea effort to developing a new set of zoning by-laws, as well as a s plan review as a major component. The pace quickened a bit af the State Executive Office of Communities and Developme (EOCD) awarded a $22,000. Strategic Planning Grant to t Town in July, with which the Town has contracted a Pione Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to provide a complete s of Zoning By-Laws and Zoning Map revisions by May of 19 in preparation for Town Meeting presentation the following fa

Membership of the SPC is as follows: Bernard Kubia Board of Selectmen representative; Kathryn Ruhf, Conservati Commission representative; Carmine L. Angeloni, Planni Board representative; Shirley Bock, Housing Authority repr sentative; Mark Jackson, Business Community representativ Paul Lussier, Historical Commission representative, G. Park Ketchen, resident, Kirk B. Stephens, resident and James Mazik, PVPC representative.

Subdivision Regulations Sub-Committee

The SubRegs Sub-Committee was formed by the Planni Board in December of 1987 for the purpose of bringing both technical and administrative components of these regulations to date, making them more workable for both to Board a developer.

This group is scheduled to submit a final draft to the Bo for review by early 1989. Input will be gathered from the To during public meetings and hearings in the spring and summ followed by adoption later in 1989.

Membership of the Subdivision Regulations Committe as follows: James Hodgen, Planning Board representati George Jackson, Building and Development representati Roger Bacon, Engineer; Arthur Fiorelli, Chemical Engine Andrew Sabados, Engineer; and Stephen Savaria, Transportion Engineer.

Summary

The 1988 version of the Belchertown Planning Board can characterized as having reviewed many subdivision plans, ex rienced all too familiar Board and staff turnover, applauded use of too few development alternatives, farmed-out some i portant projects, had some very lively discussions, and receiv some criticism. One thing for sure, however, we will be bac

Respectfully submitted,

Carmine L. Angeloni,
Chairman

Police Department

Message to Citizens:

Crime in our community decreased slightly at all levels in 8. Despite the rapid population growth the town has experi- ed, crime trends have remained constant over the past few rs. Crimes against property such as larceny, breaking and ering and vandalism continue to be the most frequently orted crimes while alcohol and drug related crimes such as ving while intoxicated, possession and distribution of con- led substances continue to show the highest frequency of st activity.

Of the four hundred persons taken into custody in 1988, nty-six were charged with drug violations and seventy-three e arrested for driving while intoxicated. This accounts for nty-five per cent of total arrests for the year. Several crimes nmitted may also indirectly be related to a crime. Domestic lence situations usually involve one or both parties who are oxicated.

Patrol areas expanded due to the several new dwellings lt during 1988. It is of primary importance that residents play house numbers where they are visible to public safety cials. Homes utilizing a common drive should display a sign ne entrance of the drive identifying the addresses and addition- y display the appropriate number on the residence. Persons izing electronic security alarms that dial the police emergency ne must include the street number with other pertinent infor- tion to aid police with finding the location. Instances have urred where due to all of the aforementioned police have been ayed when making emergency responses.

Patrols have continued to provide strict enforcement on n roadways. A total of three thousand sixty motor vehicle lation tickets were written during the year. Two hundred nty accidents occurred in town during 1988 which is a decline leven accidents from the previous year. Total of fines col- ed via the Ware District court and returned to the Town of chertown amounted to $137,816.00.

Belchertown was fortunate to share the award of a drug nt by the Governors committee on Criminal Justice. The grant ch is administered by the Northampton District Attorneys ice is intended to fight drugs at the street level and to assist n an educational program for school children. During the year department benefited from sums of money seized at drug ls and deemed by the court to be money obtained by defen- ts as the result of illegal drug transactions. It is our hope that ing the new year we can equip and train Belchertown Police partment officers with 9mm handguns by utilizing these ds.

All full time Belchertown Police Department officers eived a minimum of forty hours in service training during 1988. Additionally various personnel attended courses on stress management, uniform crime reporting, revolver and shotgun instruction, microcomputer technology and drug investigations. In service training for all staff is essential to maintain professional standards. Despite the negative publicity relative to police recruit training at the Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center it should be noted, that while training programs need to be changed so another tragedy does not occur, many people employed within the criminal justice system benefited from many good programs offered at the center. I have assured the Board of Selectmen and wish to assure our citizens that the department will take every measure to see that Belchertown Police Department candidates are well qualified physically and mentally and that the training they receive is of a high standard.

Several new officers filled vacancies in the department during 1988. David Carr and Kevin Antonovitch joined the part-time ranks. Francis Fox graduated from recruit training in April 1988 and is currently assigned to the midnight to eight A.M. shift. James Jackson joined the department at the beginning of the year and was a welcome addition after returning to this area from Cape Cod where he served as a police officer for several years.

It was on April 6,1988 we buried our brother officer Joseph Yale the victim of an auto accident. Joe's sense of humor and his willingness to help anyone in need will always be remembered by those with whom he served.

The entire staff of the Belchertown Police Department is to be given credit for its good and most often unrewarded work during the year. We are indeed proud and fortunate for the support we receive from our citizens, town government, surrounding police agencies, the District Attorney and his staff, the staff at the Ware District Court and everyone who served on the Police Candidate Review Committee.

Finally, my thanks to the members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association for the wealth of information from which I have benefited and their continuing efforts toward the betterment of Law Enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

Fire Department

William G Whitlock
Executive Secretary
Town of Belchertown

I hereby submit the Fy 89 Annual Report of the Belchertown Fire Department

Sincerely yours,

Samuel J. Joyal,
Fire Chief

The annual report of the Belchertown Fire Department is dedicated in loving memory of our former Fire Chiefs, Raymond R. Menard and Donald F. Bock.

This has been one of the most saddened years for the Fire Department having to cope with the sudden death of these two beloved former fire chiefs.

Raymond R. Menard devoted over forty years of career fire fighting and leadership to the Fire Department. He rose through the ranks achieving the office of chief during the time Belchertown began its rapid growth. Through his high expertise and knowledge, a new era of fire fighting and training commenced and improved fire fighting gear and equipment was obtained. The present emergency reporting and altering systemwas established. His love, devotion and high expectation for safety and the well being of the members earned him the respect of the members and the residents of Belchertown.

Raymond R. Menard: Member; Officer; Chief 1946-1988.

Donald F. Bock devoted his entire thirty year career of fire fighting to the well being of the membership and the best interest of the residents of Belchertown and its surrounding communities. He rose through the ranks becoming the first full, part-time chief of the department. Replacement of the Tanker and reconditioning of other fire apparatus was achieved. Officers appointments and duties began to be outlined and implemented. The needs of a new central fire station were undertaken and drawings and outlines of specific needs along with an inhouse committee were completed. Through his endless giving of himself, he earned the respect of the members and of the residents of Belchertown and its surrounding communities.

Donald F. Bock: Member; Officer; Chief 1958-1988.

May their supreme sacrifices ever guide us as we continue to carry out our duties and responsibilities within this department.

To the residents, town officials, departments and organizations, I extend my sincere thanks for your support and cooperation over this past year.

Especially to the officers, members and their familie extend a special heartfelt thanks for your support, coopera and achievements which you, as well as I, have experien during this unpresided year in our career as fire fighters.

The Fire Department has reached another plateau in history with the appointment of its first full-time fire chief. T was necessitated in order to meet and maintain the adminis tional requirements of the department, resulting from the con ued development and growth taking place within Belcherto Additionally, this increases the demands on training, setting specialized teams and continued upgrading of our fire fight gear and equipment. the resulting paperwork process contin to expand on a daily basis.

For the most part, all of the existing apparatus has been conditioned and extended years of service is expected, not w standing any changes of code or law requirements that may c about.

The new Fire Station Building Committee has been pointed and is progressing with its responsibilities and char This committee consists of the following:

Samuel J. Joyal
Kenneth Rhodes
Edward Bock
Homer P. Stebbins

James Hodge
Richard Knig
David Brown

With as alternates:

Bruce Officer

Paul Greene

Internally, various officers and members of the departn are working on aspects which would alternately make Engi one of the most versatile pieces of apparatus within our dep ment. This becomes necessary due to the situations being cau with the location of roads, private driveways and property dr ways where, unfortunately, access is not always undertaken prime concern by the developer. The implementation c Hazmat Team and its cost are being pursued as this is one o most urgent high risk problems facing the fire service.

With the acceptance and approval of the State Fire N shal, new types of heating units and their installation and ins tion requirements have increased time requirements. New un ground storage tank regulations are now in effect and these increase the inspection time needs.

Allowance for the installation of underground L.P. tanks have been approved and several have been installe Belchertown. Our concerns in respect to this are shared by all Chiefs around us.

Seven new members have been signed up to the Auxiliary ce and are progressing in their training. It requires upwards of e and one half to two years of training before they can be pointed as a fire fighter on the department.

Agreements are nearly completed for the transfer of an 85 ot ladder truck from the Town of Amherst to the Town of lchertown on a loan type basis.

In combining all of the requirements required of the Fire rvice, one can only foresee the tremendous increase in time t this will place upon each member of the department and ther, the need for the town to plan for the appropriate funding ve are to maintain and meet these obligations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

e Chief	Samuel J. Joyal
sistant Chief	David Hodgen
puty Chief	Carl Peterson
puty Chief	Hugh Hubbard
norary Chief	Louis Fuller
ptain	Richard McGinnis
ptain	Bruce Officer
ptain	Timothy Lofland
norary Captain	Sherman Gould
utenant	Edward Fuller
utenant	Roy Reece
utenant	Thomas Fuller
utenant	David Gay
utenant	James Hodgen
utenant	Kenneth Thayer
utenant	Paul Greene
utenant	Richard Knight
plain	George Bach
retary	Mary L. Beaver
uglas Alley	Christopher Hubbard
vard Bock	William Kimball
k Bock	Edward Knight
tt Cameron	F. Raymond Peeso
ert Dewhurst	William Shattuck
est Gay	Benjamin Williams
ald Gould	Herbert Wood
bert Hodgen	Ronald Beaver

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

ven Hulmes
hael Samson
liam Chapman
Erik Gay
Mark Dosman
Steven Williams

es of Responses	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984
al Responses	211	206	181	180	213
ding Fires	9	20	24	10	24
Chimney Fires	21	27	27	21	27
Mobile Homes	0	1	1	0	0
Vehicles	14	12	24	13	29
Rescues	5	5	2	6	2
Utility Poles & Wires	3	3	1	5	2
Dump Fires	0	0	1	1	2
Forest & Grass Fires	38	50	39	56	33
False Alarms	2	9	2	1	7
Investigations	45	52	60	64	71
Search (missing persons)	0	1	0	0	1
Mutual Aid	5	3	0	3	6
Hazardous Material Spills	17	23	0	0	0
Duty Officer Calls	36	0	0	0	0
Appliance Malfunction	11	0	0	0	0
Trash Fires	5	0	0	0	0
Hours of Fire Suppression	210	187.34	149.06	233.95	185
Truck Mileage	1356	1329	979	1456	1032
Total - Man Hours Fire Suppression	2510.	2,525.05	2,080.55	2987	2,578.34
Cause of Fire Investigation	60 hrs.	0	0	0	0
Average Member Response	71%	71%	72.50%	74.7%	76.5%

TOTAL ESTIMATED LOSSES

Buildings	250,000.	55,220.	204,350.	97,875.
Contents	80,000.	11,900.	144,365.	24,155.
Vehicle Fires	15,300.	11,550.	15,500.	17,850.
Veh. Accidents	300,000.	0	0	0
Contents	50,000.	0	0	0

The following inspections and permits were issued:

Open Burning Permits	958
Oil Burner Inspections	159
Smoke Detector	140
Underground Tank Testing	1
Underground Tank Removal	3
Blasting Permits	8
Total	1,269

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel J. Joyal
Fire Chief

Dog Control Department

It was a landmark year for the Dog Control Department in that we all have been certified as Animal Control Officers. We received 96 hours of training sponsored by Mass. Criminal Justice and the Animal Control Officers of Mass. (ACOAM). This was held at the Police Academy in Needham and took 9 months to complete. Subject areas included: Animal Behavior, Wild Animals, Diseases, and some aspects of Public Relations. We graduated with certification in January 1989. We are confident that we are now able to bring a better quality of service to Belchertown and hope to take additional instruction when it becomes available.

During Calendar Year 1988, 129 dogs were impounded with dispositions as follows: 88 were claimed by their owners, 2 were euthanized, 1 escaped, 17 were turned to D 'n A Pets and 21 were turned over to A.R.F.

The trend continues again this year in that an even larger percentage of impounded dogs were claimed by their owners than in prior years.

We were fortunate this year to have another Humane organization. D 'n A Pets, formed in Belchertown. This has insured that all unclaimed, placeable dogs can be adopted as well as helping to minimize the abandonment of dogs by trying to outplace them from owners who can no longer keep them.

By taking the unclaimed dogs from the Pound Humane Organizations have saved the taxpayers approx. $1,550.00

The amounts of verbal and written complaints received are still on the increase as was expected. Phil Riverin has been trained in the techniques of investigations and with his assistance we are keeping on top of the situation.

Also, as projected, with the increased licensing fees, our department will be very close to self funding this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Michaud,
Dog Officer

Department of Inspection Services

BUILDING PERMITS

Single dwelling units	1
Two-dwelling units	
Convert to multi-dwelling (# of units)	
Multi-dwelling (# of units)	
Business/Commercial	
Industrial	
Mobile homes	
Add/alter/repair	
Sheds/barns/garages	
Wood/coal stoves/chimneys	
Public buildings	
Demolitions	
Swimming pools	
Renewals/signs/others	
Home Occupation Permits	
Certificates of Inspection/ Use	
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	
TOTAL REVENUE	$40,3

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	
TOTAL REVENUE	$10,916

PLUMBING PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	
Re-inspection vouchers	
TOTAL REVENUE	$7,6

GAS PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	
Re-inspection vouchers	
TOTAL REVENUE	$1,8

OIL BURNER PERMITS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	
TOTAL REVENUE	$2,6

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

TESTED AND SEALED DEVICES	
TOTAL REVENUE	$2

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS	
Resolved by department	

ALL DEPARTMENTS

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	1
TOTAL REVENUE	$63,64

1988 was the fifth consecutive record breaking year for ding activity in Belchertown. In the past five years we have ed 674 single dwelling units, 51 duplexes, 38 multiple dwell- units and 59 mobile homes for a total of approximately 873 families coming to Belchertown.

The active pace of new house building continued right to end of 1988, but there seemed to be a significant drop in ary of 1989. It does not seem likely that this slowdown will inue however, as there are approximately 600 available new building lots currently being reviewed or already approved by the Planning Board.

Assuming stable interest rates and construction costs, I foresee another rapid growth year for Belchertown in 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas K. Magee
Director of Inspection Services

Annual Report of the School Department

The pains of rapid growth have pushed the limits of the ools Departments resources. Balancing quality and quantity ation is a very delicate art. State test scores indicate that, to , we are meeting that challenge. However, if we are going to any standards at all, local and state financial resources are led.

The elementary schools enjoy the highest parent participa- of any of our three levels of student education. Emphasis has placed on creative and critical thinking skills, "hands on" and science, and exposure to the humanities.

With a very active and creative Parent Advisory Council School Improvement Council leading the way, the Chestnut Community School engaged in many unique programs in the emic and cultural areas.

The fourth grade emphasized reading, expanding to two s of general reading. The Lion's sponsored QUEST program oted a positive self image among the sixth graders, while the an development programs were expanded to two levels of uction. The physical education department continued its program under the supervision of the University of Georgia.

Curriculum development has received a great deal of tion in an attempt to map the curriculum into an integrated e.

The past year at Belchertown High School was one of ficant and varied accomplishments. The high school was ed continued accreditation by the New England Association hools and Colleges. The accreditation was the culmination o years of intensive scrutiny of program, staff, facilities, and rials.

In addition, plans for both facilities and program offerings approved. A computer laboratory and weight training room established along with proposed courses in computer pro- ming, computer literacy, and the Russian language.

It was another banner year for student achievement as well. The freshmen, once again, won the state competition in the National Energy Education Day Program. Many of the high school musicians were honored by selection to the All-Eastern States Band. Students won both state and regional awards in the Massachusetts Science Fair Competition. A Belchertown High School student also was the Massachusetts winner in the National History Day competition.

In athletics, the high school enjoyed an excellent year. The Belchertown High School Men's and Women's Interscholastic Athletic Teams had a very successful year during 1987-88. A blend of outstanding senior and fine under-graduate athletes, combined with a talented and devoted coaching staff and superior administrative support, made this a year to remember.

Fall highlights included a Women's Varsity Soccer Team which compiled the best records in Belchertown history. The Men's Cross Country Team won its League Championship and finished second in the Western Mass Championships by only eight points.

During the winter season, outstanding performances were turned in by both the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams. The Men's Team was the runner-up in both their league and the Western Mass Tournament while compiling a 20 and 3 record. the Women's Team finished at 8 and 12 while knocking three potential tournament teams out of contention during a mid-season five-game winning streak. The Varsity Cheerleaders, in a year for BHS 2nd Place finishes, took a second place trophy in every one of the five tournaments they entered.

In the spring season, the Men's Baseball Team completed a sweep of 2nd place Western Mass Tournament finishes. They also won their league for the first time in Belchertown history.

School Committee

1988 saw the election of Gerard Gould to the school committee. The committee wishes to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of ex-committeeman Kurt Swanson to the school system during his tenure.

The major issues and topics facing the school system in 1988 included: space for new students, particularly at the elementary level; accreditation at the high school; a budget deficit for town government; a proposed football program; and future school system planning.

Perhaps the most difficult and growing problem facing the school system is a lack of classroom space. The school committee approved conversion of the Cold Spring cafeteria and a portion of the All-Purpose room to classrooms; Chestnut Hill Community School's library was also sectioned-off for a classroom so that a kindergarten class could be placed in a regular classroom; the high school has, likewise, seen a kindergarten classroom and pre-kindergarten for special needs established. The committee is, and will be, looking for additional classroom space for the start of the 1989 school year.

As a part of addressing longer-term space needs, the committee and selectmen received the report of the ad hoc committee charged with studying school space problems. Its report resulted in a decision by town meeting to plan a new elementary school. A building committee has been formed and will carry out its work during 1989.

The report of the evaluation team of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission of Public Schools was received. This report is an important component of the accreditation process, which measures our high sch
against the standards of the association. Every academic face
the high school was evaluated. Weaknesses and strengths w
identified. The school committee plans to use this report as a p
of its future planning (see below).

Sports were also and important topic in 1988. The sch
committee received a citizens' petition to institute a foot
program. A select committee of citizens and school officials
appointed to study this initiative. It reported its findings with
recommendations. The school committee presently has it un
advisement in light of budget difficulties for the town.

The school committee initiated a planning process this y
which will carry over in 1989. Its objective is to, first, iden
community expectations for the future of its school system, a
second, translate those expectations into goals and objecti
which can be reasonably met. The committee hired Mr. Cha
Christiansen to carry out the first phase of that program, wh
should be completed by April of 1989. The next phase
include citizen/school system member task groups who
develop specific proposals to address community-identi
goals.

Of major concern to the committee is the projected to
revenue shortfall for FY89. The impact of rapid growth
Belchertown on property taxes is a major concern for all taxp
ers. The retreat of state aid exacerbates the problem. It is lik
that the balancing of school needs versus tax restraint will be
of the major challenges facing the school system over the n
few years.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report for 1988 to the citizens of the district. Clearly one of the most exciting periods in the school's history, the year saw a spectacular beginning to a well-planned construction project, the largest enrollment ever, the introduction of two new programs, continued honors earned by members of the staff, and the successful integration of a new community into the affairs of the district.

Under the chairmanship of Michael J. Cavanaugh, the school committee became the first constituted under the recent amendment to the Agreement which provides for district-wide elections with residency requirements. Barbara L. Beaulieu of Monson and Ford P. Ray of Ware were elected in the Spring 1988 election whose sessions continued from March through May. Mrs. Beaulieu replaced long-time member Marceline B. Matrow who retired.

Curriculum

In the spring of 1988, the school committee approved p
to begin two new offerings - Heating, Ventilating, and Air C
ditioning (HVAC) and Auto Body - a year early in orde
accommodate the increased numbers in the freshman c
Consequently, the ninth grade exploratory programs for t
shops were housed in off campus locations in Ware until
facilities currently under construction are ready.

Among other vocational areas, the most striking deve
ment was the installation of the IBM AS/400 computer int
Programming Shop. Not only was Pathfinder the first scho
Massachusetts to install this state-of-the-art equipment, it
also responsible for placing the first order in western Massa
setts on the very day the computer was announced to the pu
Students now have a far more responsive and sophistic

tem in their daily work, and the school has the capability to work its personal computers throughout the school with this werful model of minicomputer.

In the field of cosmetology, tenth-graders were permitted begin their studies so that they could acquire more depth, ticipate in CO-Op, and better prepare themselves for the state rd examination. These changes were instituted to enable the dents to be more competitive in eventually securing full-time ployment in this area.

Paralleling a state-wide trend, several of the vocational as embarked upon efforts to convert their curriculum to npetency-based format. Research has indicated that this de- opment allows our vocational programs to better address the ds of the students while meeting industry-required job skills.

The school committee continued to study recommenda- ns for a final new program to replace Clothing Management Production. While no decision was reached by year's end, ernatives under consideration included Distributive Educa- n, Health Services, and Painting and Decorating. A choice uld be make by mid-1989 using a combination of local npower data, Department of Education advice, and available ancial resources.

Also paralleling a state-wide trend, Pathfinder is giving led attention to its academic offerings and their relationship to ployability skills. Assessment test results indicated that Path- der students compared favorably with other vocational ools throughout the state in science and social studies. Scores ped somewhat in reading and mathematics, generating a ncern which will lead to remediation plans in 1989.

rty-three students, representing eight shop areas, partici- ted in the Cooperative Education Program in 1988. Demand r students continues to exceed the number available for the ernating weeks of work and study.

Comprehensive special education services were provided r 107 students in shops and academic classrooms and 48 more the substantially separate program. This exemplary program ntinued to attract students from several surrounding communi- s and is the only such opportunity in this immediate area.

udent Body

The class of 1992 which entered in September was the rgest in the school's history. It includes 160 students selected om 189 applications from 28 communities. Altogether, over 30 applications were received, resulting in nearly 200 accep- nces. The school committee was pleased to note that intensive cruitment efforts and exemplary vocational and academic ograms drew a record number of applications from a record umber of communities. These favorable statistics stand in arked contrast to virtually every other regional vocational hool in the Commonwealth.

Opening day enrollment included 552 students from the following communities: Belchertown 72, Monson 69, New Braintree 16, Palmer 158, and Ware 87. Out-of-district pupils accepted on a tuition basis accounted for the remaining 150.

School Committee Chairman Michael J. Cavanaugh presented diplomas and vocational certificates to 99 graduates at commencement ceremonies in June. Eight-four percent of the Class of 1988 found immediate employment in various trade areas or were expecting to pursue programs in higher education. An additional twelve percent entered military service where there are increasing numbers of opportunities to utilize their high school training. Graduates continued to win a number of impressive scholarships as a total of $11,250.00 was awarded from school and community sources.

In February, Culinary Arts Student David Burke was selected to represent Pathfinder in the Second Annual Vocational Student Recognition Program hosted by the Department of Education at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

Faculty and Staff

With the addition of new positions in Auto Body, HVAC, Mathematics and Special Education, the faculty now includes 31 vocational teachers, 19 academic teachers, 16 special needs personnel, and 2 guidance counselors. An additional two positions have been retained in anticipation of another new program in 1989. Six administrators continue to oversee the many and varied functions expected of a regional vocational school district.

At the Annual Professional Development Conference held at Westfield State College in June, two staff members - Special Education Instructor David Lapierre and Assistant Superintendent Micheal Fitzpatrick - were honored for their contributions to vocational education by the Associated Commissioner for Occupational Education. Dr. Fitzpatrick completed his term as President of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators as did Superintendent Gerald L. Paist as President of the Connecticut Valley Superintendents' Roundtable.

Lucretia Crocker Fellows Richard Sinkoski and William Paquette completed their assignment in June and returned to the classroom in the fall where they continue to contribute to statewide curriculum efforts in social studies. Among their affiliations are the National Institute for Citizen Education in the Law, Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation, and the Model Academic Curriculum for Vocational Schools Project sponsored by the Division of Occupational Education and Westfield State College.

In the fall of 1988, the school committee awarded Horace Mann Fellowships to six teachers for their proposals to develop exemplary programs as follows: Gail Thomas for a school radio program inspired by the nationally acclaimed "Foxfire Project"; Jeffrey Upton for a slide/video presentation on current-trends in residential carpentry; Maureen Moore and Michelle Letendre for a program to help address the problem of school dropouts; and Charlotte Fogarty and Toni Kubiak for a cooperative learning model for computational math skills.

Finally, the school committee accepted the resignations of two long-time staff members. Assistant Superintendent Michael Fitzpatrick left in July to coordinate a state-wide curriculum project at Westfield State College, and Cosmeotology Instructor Joseph Valentine moved to a position in another school system. Both were valuable to Pathfinder and will be missed.

Grants, Contracts, and Special Programs

Pathfinder continued its successful acquisition of state and federal grants in order to enhance regular program offerings, to better serve special populations, and to effectively participate in state-wide priorities. Over $400,000 was received in competitive grants during the year. Noteworthy among the awards was a grant of $64,987 to develop a comprehensive model vocational/academic assessment center - one of five throughout the state. This exciting new resource will enable the school to complete basic and manipulative skills on individual students and to utilize the results to develop individual plans for remediation of specific deficiencies. The service area will eventually extend far beyond the Pathfinder District.

A second grant from the Division of Occupational Education enabled the school to produce a television and radio spot in cooperation with the Friendly Ice Cream Corporation. The purpose of this project was to enhance the image of vocational education through showing major employer satisfaction with graduates, but the specific benefits to Pathfinder and its own image locally were remarkable.

A third award continued the state-wide office for the Future Farmers of America which has been based at Pathfinder since 1984. It is under the leadership of Leslie Allard.

Monies under the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act supported a number of efforts. In particular, the school purchased equipment and supported staff in the newly offered Auto Body and HVAC programs. Additional monies were used to support personnel working with disadvantaged and handicapped students. Among the objectives contained in these programs were infusion of career options in specific job fields, the elimination of sex bias and sterotyping, and supplemental instruction in certain shop areas for students encountering difficulties.

Funding for a Technical Assistance/Competency Based Vocational Education Project enabled the school to update and implement a pilot competency based curriculum. Grant monies provided resources to field test this curriculum as well as to develop in-service programs for Pathfinder staff and other schools in western Massachusetts.

Using a combination of monies from tuition, special education grants, and an award from the Department of Youth Services, the afternoon Drop-Out Prevention Program served fifteen students in four vocational shops: automotive, carpen
food services, and machine. The primary purpose of this progr
is to provide an opportunity for students who have dropped
or who are in danger of leaving school. An alternative setti
where students receive individual attention and constant re
forcement gives these students a path to return to school and
to increase their employment potential.

In an outstanding example of articulation among a
vocational schools, community colleges, and the Hampd
County Private Industry Council, Pathfinder participated in t
highly successful and visible Machine Action Project. Eveni
courses were held for machinists employed in local industries
upgrade their skills in computer numerical controls, advanc
machine set-up, computer aided drafting, blueprint reading a
related mathematics.

After several years of successful programming ventur
with the Bureau of Institutional Schools (BSI), Pathfinder end
its role as service provider to Belchertown State School a
Monson Developmental Center. This development reflected
combination of a declining population in these institutions
well as a determination by BIS officials to return programs to t
institutional grounds.

Budget and Finance

For Fiscal 1989, the school committee adopted an opera
ing and maintenance budget of $3,433,956; a capital budget
$501,148; and a substantially separate special education budg
of $287,475. Reductions through state aid and tuition incom
resulted in net total assessments to the member towns as follow
Belchertown, $357,908; Monson, $297,397; New Braintre
$53,966; Palmer, $612,603; and for the first time, War
$240,601. Each of the four towns subsequently approved
apportioned share unanimously. Although the per pupil expe
ditures increased over the previous year, the school apparent
lost ground in its effort to maintain expenditures at least 85%
the state wide average for regional vocational schools. Pat
finder became eligible for an equal educational opportunity gra
of approximately $111,000 in FY1989. Local spending must i
crease by that much in the current year to conform with prov
sions of state law that govern the EEO grant program.

Despite the passage of the Vocational Education Improv
ment Act of 1987, the state administration failed to provide t
resources for the 35% state funding for vocational schools as w
as the legislatively approved bonding mechanism for the on
time equipment grant program. At year's end, the vocation
education community was still pressing the legislature for assi
tance in making those monies available. The rapidly escalati
state fiscal crisis appeared to rule out such help.

Construction Program

Clearly the "'Pathfinder success story of 1988"', the buil
ing addition and renovation project proceeded as planned a
was about one-third complete as the year ended. The $4.6 milli

ntract was awarded to A. R. Green and Son, Inc., of Holyoke May, and groundbreaking ceremonies were held on June 10, 88.

The school committee and administration, working bsely with local legislators Senator Robert D. Wetmore (D-rre) and Representative Patrick Landers (D-Palmer), raced to in State Board of Education approval against a backdrop of indling school building resources and the growing state fiscal bblem. The Pathfinder project was able to move ahead of many mmunities whose plans were not yet complete, and the State ard gave its approval on May 24, 1988, just days before the orable bids would have expired.

The school committee is currently working with its finan-l adviser, State Street Bank and Trust Co., to develop a plan d market a bond issue to finance the construction. It is antici-ted that the bonds will be sold in the spring of 1989 and will rry a twenty year retirement period.

Community support for this project has been extraordi-ry. Citizens, town officials, and school staff have given countless hours of their time to plan and advise on its undertaking. The ultimate goal of an expanded district, increased training opportunities, and a student body of 600 appear to be well within reach. We are proud of this achievement on behalf of the member communities, and we are deeply grateful to all who have made it possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree
Ronald J. Laviolette, Palmer
Ford P. Ray, Ware
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Maintenance Department

te last winter we completed two building projects:

. Town Landfill — compactor shed and operators control room.

. Belchertown Senior Center — 24' x 24' garage to house walk-in freezer and storage area.

Our biggest project, Lawrence Memorial Hall renovation, finishing up. The new offices should be in use by early spring. e want to thank all the people who have helped on this job, and ose who have done without and are waiting patiently. This oject has been our main priority for the year. We have stopped d taken care of safety problems as they came up.

Last year this department took over the use of the old town nbulance. This is working out well as a grounds maintenance ck for use on the Town's seven baseball fields. These ball elds now have piles of clay on them. These will be spread and orked up for ball season.

Old Town Hall boys' and girls' rooms have new fixtures d need ceilings and walls painted to finish up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gus Linde
Maintenance Supervisor

Highway Department

Construction on Bay Road from Poole Road to the R. R crossing was completed. New drainage was put in and the roa was widened approximately five feet. The pipe at the brook wa replaced, new head walls, rip-rap and guard rails are in place. Th next section from the R. R. crossing to Route 9 will probably sta in the spring of 1989.

Drainage was put in on the following roads: Old Pelha Road, Enoch Sanford Road, Warner Road, West Street, an Barton Ave.

Approximately ten miles of road was sealed with oil an stone. Brush has been cut and chipped and ditches cleaned o some secondary roads. This will continue as in the past.

The new area at the sanitary landfill where the compacto is located is now completed. Black top was put down. Fence wa installed and new gates put up. There are three units there t recycle newspaper, glass, and cardboard. This system seems to b working well. The landfill is open Tuesday - Saturday, with thre men working from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Landfill stickers are **must** and can be purchased at the Selectmen's office by Belchertown residents only.

Under the sidewalk account which consists of $5,000.00, $3,500.00 was spent to resurface sidewalks on Franklin Street and Depot Street. Whatever is left will be spent on North Main Street in the spring when the plants re-open.

Approximately four miles of dirt road was resurfaced. This includes Hamilton Street, Barrett Street, Warner Road and Blue Meadow Road. There is still ten miles, more or less, to do. About three miles is scheduled to be done out of next year's budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry A. Dodge
Superintendent of Streets

Sewer Commissioners

The Belchertown Sewer system consist of two parts, the south Belchertown sewer that services Franklin Street from the Franklin School to River Street, Depot Street and Keyes Street and terminates at River Street and is them pumped into the Palmer System. Maintenance is mainly care of the lift station which is checked three times each week.

The sewer which serves the center of town, we regularly check and clear the known trouble spots, during the year we have added six new service connections, we have also added one to serve Cold Spring Commons, a project being built and will include twenty-two duplex homes.

We are still in the process of trying to get a grant to enlarge the sewer from Route 202 and 9 down Hannum Road to the B.S.S. treatment plant. We are now at the point where we expect very soon to be able to put the job up for bid and hope to start the project this comming summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Sewer Commissioners
Harry L. Brougham, Chairman
Albert Dewhurst
Preston Atwood

Conservation Commission

Annual Report

The Conservation Commission has seven volunteer members, three Associates members and one part time staff person. Our activities this year included the following, grouped according to major areas of responsibility:

Administration of the Wetlands Protection Act accounts for the majority of our time. The Commission held 111 spearate hearings (not including continuations) for determinations (67) or wetlands permits (44). We investigated over 30 violations and issued 17 Enforcement Orders. We estimate wetlands cases involved over 300 site visits by Commissioners and staff, covering several thousand acres of land in Belchertown.

We maintained regular office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and offered applicant assistance as well as general information on natural resources to the public.

Open Space Protection has become a major concern across the Commonwealth. Commission Chair K. Ruhf represented Belchertown as Trustee of the Kestral Trust, an area conservation land trust based in Amherst. The Conservation Commission evaluated and recommended on two parcels for acquisition for aquifer protection, and prepared a site management plan for a Town-owned parcel on Rt. 202. We did not have the resources to pursue additional acquisition or protection.

The Commission did contract to have Lands of Conser tion Interest inventoried and mapped, according to the reco mended Conservation Master Plan and the 1986 Open Space a Recreation Plan. The project is due for completion in March 19 and will provide the Town with a tool to evaluate priority parc for acquisition or other methods of protection.

Management of Conservation Lands was largely the sponsibility of the Commission's Land and Trail Commit which this year focused on renewing the nature trail at Co Spring School, plus making and installing a sign for it. W worked with the State to evaluate the Metacomet and Monadno Trail and negotiated two necessary reroutings of this regiona significant trail. Plans for the Warner Road Conservation Ar upgrading other trails, and a Land and Trail Guide were tabl due to lack of resources.

Water Protection is a crucial area of responsibility for t Commission. In addition to reviewing and submitting substant comments to the Clean Lakes Study of Forge Pond in Gran (recipient of treatment plant effluent) and the Tri Lakes Sep System Management Study, we participated in Tri Lakes Asso meetings, aquifer land acquisition negotiations, design review the Geo. Hannum interceptor and continued oversight of t Jabish Brook Watershed Study nearing completion.

As part of our **coordination and cooperation with oth Town boards** we reviewed all subdivision and ANR plans, a septic design approvals, all forest cutting plans, all removals land from Chapter 61 and submitted comments to the State o Environmental Notification Forms for three projects: the sew line, the shopping center and the H.O.P. project.

Public Education has taken a back seat due to resourc constraints. We would like to offer, as in the past, sessions o natural resources, workshops, hikes, publications, newspap articles and the like to inform the public about the Town resources and how to care for and enjoy them. Commissione attended numerous training opportunities in wetland protectio and other conservation topics throughout the year. Staff perso Felicity Callahan also attended several trainings as well as bein an active member of the Massachusetts Society of Conservatio Professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ruhf, Chair.
David Haines, Vice Chair.
Alice Kuc, Clerk
Jennie Greene
Hubert Greene
Donald Minney
Barbara Pasternak

Associates
Hildegard Hall
Joe Babineau
Alyssa Rusiecki

Staff
Felicity Callahan

Board of Health

As has been in the past, the Board of Health has been avily involved with percolation tests and septic inspections. eview and recommendations on subdivision plans increased d are expected to continue to rise.

The Board has held various meeting with the Tri Lakes ssociation and the Board of Selectmen to try to reach a feasible, expensive remedy to alleviate the problems surrounding the kes. The Board has met with surrounding Boards of Health to y and find a means of protecting the aquifer and the recharge eas.

Along with the activities mentioned above, almost all other ea which the Board is responsible for has been on a definite crease.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. Lamacchia
Member, Belchertown Board of Health

Veterans' Services

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 1988

.To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his idow, and his orphans."

Abraham Lincoln

Since the Civil War, the Town of Belchertown has been cording financial aid and medical assistance to needy veterans. oday, this program is administered by the Veterans' Services epartment.

The Veterans' Services Department provides services to e Veteran, their Spouse, Widow/widower, Dependent Chil- ren, and their Parents. If there is financial need and the veteran rved honorably in wartime, the veteran and/or his dependent ay receive semi-monthly payments for use toward their regular ving expenses (food, clothes and shelter). In addition, this epartment may pay for medical insurance premiums, hospitali- ations, doctors bills, dental services, prescriptions, nursing ome care, prostheses, ambulances costs and glasses.

For those veterans and/or their dependents who have died ithout funds to defray the burial costs, this Department may pay or the burial costs as long as the total funeral bill does not exceed certain amount, so that they might be afforded a dignified burial. he veterans' record of military service will be recorded and ecome a part of the permanent records of Belchertown provid- g the veteran comes into the office with a copy of his discharge apers.

Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for Veterans' Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis.

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans' Administration (VA), a program of the Federal Government. This department however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay and in many cases, once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs, we are able to close the case with no further expenditure of Town money.

In Belchertown, assisting veterans with benefits and services they have so valiantly earned by serving their country in time of need, will never go out of fashion.

Sincerely,

A. William Carrier, Agent
Veterans' Services Department

Average Age of Veterans	
Vietnam	41.7
Korea	57.8
World War I	67.1
World War II	91.8
Average Age of Veterans	55.4

Monthly Av. Caseload This Department	
World War I	0
World War II	4
Korean	3
Vietnam	5

Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

One hundred three (103) Belchertown families were provided with Home Health Services during FY 1988. Services included: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Social Services, Health Aides, HomeMaker, Personal Care Attendants, Maternal Child Care and Hospice Care.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

I. HOME VISITS TOTAL 3201

Nursing	1306
Physical Therapy	88
Social Service	3
Health Aide (2423 Hours)	1121
HomeMaker-PCA (1340 Hours)	683

II. HOSPICE

Five (5) patients received

Nursing Visits	88
Hours Health Aides	295
HomeHealth Aide Visits	122

III. MATERNAL CHILD CARE

Five (5) families of pregnant and post partum women and infants in the first year of life, received thirty-five (35) hours of Health Aide Service and forty-eight (48) visits by the Maternal Child Health Nurse. Purpose of these visits was to provide HomeHealth Care, Health Assessments, Parent Education, Parent Support and Referral Service.

IV. TITLE III GRANT

Funded by Holyoke/Chicopee Regional Senior Services with matching funds by Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association.

HOME VISITS 35 ELDERLY RECEIVED:

101	Gereatric Nurse Practitioner (GNP) of which
38	were provided to Hospice patients
113	Health Aid Hours of which
94	were provided to Hospice patients

GPN services included direct Nursing Care, Health Assessments, Health Education, Supervision of Health Aides.

HEALTH PROMOTION

40 Elderly participated in Health Sessions at the Senior Center. Services included Diabetic Screening, Flu Immunizations, Blood Pressure Screening, Mantoux Testing and Health Education on an individual basis.

V. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND

Utilized by fifteen (15) Belchertown Residents of ages who were not eligible for HomeHealth Service any other source of payment. Thirty-three (33) Nurs visits and six hundred ninety-seven (697) hours HomeMaker/homeHealth Aid hours were provide

The VNA may be reached by calling — 283-9715 or 2 7651.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Holland
Executive Director

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is now in its ninth year, w the three member towns continuing to grow. Although perc tion tests declined slightly from last year, final septic inspecti for new homes increase. Also of increasing frequency w housing complaints.

The District members voted to hire a permanent, part-ti assistant last year, and Judy Moreno was selected to fill the j Roger Bonsall continues to work witnessing percolation test

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has begun to in tute many new policies which are straining the resources of all Boards of Health in the State. The major implementations t year concerned the lead paint regulations, and also the Right Way program, which addresses the spraying of pesticides public utilities within 100 feet of privately owned wells. Th programs are just beginning to be implemented, but will be in f force by 1990. During 1988 I attended three workshops Health Agents in the state. The first was on the subject of Rad sponsored by the Worcester Foundation, the second on The Cl Air Act, in Northampton, and the third, a three day course Food Service Sanitation was sponsored by the Worcester Hea Dept.

Important information regarding AIDS, girdia, hepati Salmonella and other serious infections diseases has been increasing frequency and volume at the Health Office. Th issues and those concerning lead paint, disposal of hazard materials, radon and asbestos contamination, and aquifer prot tion require constant study and investigation by the district.

The following table lists the major services provided each town in the district during 1988.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelh
Perc Tests/Deep Holes	382	200	34
Septic inspections	247	100	24

ousing Inspections	27	74	10
ousing Reinspections	12	58	5
ood Service Inspections	36	36	0
ood Service Reinspections	4	10	0
etail Food Inspections	27	40	5
etail Food Reinspections	3	9	0
akery Inspections	2	2	0
uisance Inspections	43	53	8
uisance Reinspections	25	29	8
earings	4	4	1
ourt Appearances	0	7	0
ead Paint Inspections	0	0	0
ead Paint Reinspections	0	0	0
ommunicable Disease Investigation	3	0	0
amp Inspections	2	0	2
ell Sites	0	0	0
ater Samples	3	0	0
chool Cafeteria Inspections	4	4	2
il Spills	2	0	0
ool Inspections	1	0	0
ye Testing	4	1	2

Once again, I would like to thank John Desmond, Chair- an of the district, and all the members for their support. Also anks to Helen Kutt for the fine job done as secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

David Zarozinski
Health Agent

Clerk of Infectious Disease

The following diseases were reported to the Quabbin Health istrict for the Town of Belchertown during the year 1988:

Amebiasis	1
Animal Bites	6
Campylobacter Enteritis	2
Giardiasis	8
Lyme Disease	1
Salmonellasis	4

Total: 20 Diseases Reportable to Board of Health.

Reporting of communicable diseases is the first step in ontrolling communicable diseases. However, Belchertown, like most communities state wide, has experienced a decline in notification of these diseases from local doctors, clinics and hospitals. The Board of Health is currently seeking ways to improve compliance with mandatory reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Moreno
Assistant Health Officer
Quabbin Valley Health District

Animal Inspector

In 1988 the following was inspected and reported to the proper authorities:

-88 Barn inspections which covers; Cattle; horses; goats; sheep; swine; oxen and poultry.

-23 dog bites, which were investigated and the dogs were quarantined for rabies.

-1 disturbance of a cat breaking into an office building.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. Lamacchia
Animal Inspector

Graves Registration

Flags have been ordered for Memorial Day, May 29th 1989, through Valley Forge. They will arrive in approximately 3 weeks. They will be placed on the graves 1 to 2 weeks prior to Memorial Day. This will be done by myself and several members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I personally will oversee the whole operation along with Mel Terry.

There has been a great deal of vandalism in our cemeteries this past year. Many grave markers and flags have been broken or stolen or damaged by the lawn service who cuts the grass, along with grave stones being knocked over or broken by vandals in Mt. Hope, South cemetery, Hillcrest (Skeeterville & Cosy Corner) and others. Please contact the Police if your see any horseplay in any of our ten cemeteries. Thank-You.

Note: We need to order at least 100 new grave markers for replacement and to have some on hand. Also as of January 1990, over 10 million Veterans will have reacher the age of 65 and older.

For 1989 estimate:

Flags- approximately	$300.00
Footings (9)	360.00
Grave Markers Apprx. (100)	150.00
	$810.00

Respectfully submitted,

David A. LeCours
Veterans' Graves Officer

Cemetery Department

The following is a report of the Belchertown Cemetery Department for the calendar year of 1988. During the past year we performed twenty-seven (27) burials, and the following sums of money were returned to the Town:

Closing Costs	$3,260.00
Perpetual Care	2,730.00
Sale of Lots	3,320.00
	$6,305.00

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Cook
Floyd R. Peeso
David G. Hodgen

Belchertown Arts Lottery Council

The Arts Lottery Council is proud to recount another successful year of providing support for quality cultural experiences for the residents of Belchertown.

1988 marked a milestone in the evolution of the Belchertown Arts Lottery Council — the successful completion of the first Council-generated project, a two-day performing arts series. Collaborating and sharing resources with the Community Playground Committee, the Council was able to present quality entertainment for both children and adults: the contagious rhythms of the Paradise City Jazz Band, the folk songs of Roger Tincknell, the spiritual renditions of the Freedom Choir and the magnificent portrayal of The Fire Bird by the Bennington Puppets. The performing arts series provided an opportunity for community-wide pride since it was one of the first public uses of the amphitheater — another Arts Lottery Council-funded project, built by the hands of many of those who enjoyed the concert series.

Other projects funded by the Arts Lottery Council duri the past year include:

July 1988 Funding Cycle

— Five performances by the New England Puppetry Series a the Chestnut Hill Middle School.

— A children's production by the Carriage Towne Players.

— A concert featuring local song writers produced by Pat ar Tex La Mountain.

— A concert by the Donald Bastarache Big Band.

— A concert series by the Community Band.

January 1989 Funding Cycle

—An encore concert by Patty Carpenter at the Senior Center.

— A folk traditions "house party" by the Pioneer Valley Folklo Society.

— Two concerts by the South End Jazz Band.

— A photography project and exhibit by Carmine Angeloni.

— A concert series by the Community Band.

— Restoration of historic Quabbin photographs by Lesli Campbell.

— An original family concert by Debbi Friedlander.

Aggressive marketing of funds available through the Pe forming Arts Student Series by PASS coordinators Gloria Fo and Gayle Taylor resulted in several memorable trips to qualit performances by Belchertown students. These included produc tions of Macbeth at Stage West, Tartuffe, The Children's Hou Sarah Plain and Tall by the Pioneer Valley Ballet and perform ances by the Chestnut Brass Quintet and Improvisations.

Despite these accomplishments, funding for both Ar Lottery Grants and PASS goes unutilized. Belchertown currentl receives in excess of $6,000 per year for the former and $2,00 for the latter. Visual and performing artists who wish to unde take projects and teachers interested in providing quality pe forming arts field trips to their students are strongly encourage to apply.

We accepted, with regrets, the resignation of three counc members this past year: Gayle Taylor, who left us to relocate i Pittsburgh, Elizabeth Wellso, who did likewise to Iowa, an Bernie Kowalski. Luckily, we have been able to replace ther with three energetic new members: Tom Grady, David Jacobse and Eileen Klockars.

ith their help, we look forward to continuing to provide the best cultural opportunities to Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted:

Marianne Gambaro (Chairman)
Gloria Fox
Mary Avery
Thomas M. Grady
David Jacobsen
Eileen Klockars
Judy McQuillen

Belchertown Arts Lottery Council
Current Members (02/18/1989)

	Current Term Expires	First Appt'd
larianne Gambaro (chairman) O Box 214 elchertown, MA 01007 23-5117	6/30/89	1985
lary Avery (chairman-elect) 0 Ware Road #5 elchertown, MA 01007 23-5176	6/30/89	1987
udy McQuillen (secretary) uckett Hill Road elchertown, MA 01007 23-6697	6/30/90	1986
loria Fox (treasurer & PASS coordinator) 6 Blue Meadow Road Belchertown, MA 01007 23-4741	6/30/89	1987
homas M. Grady O Box 1180 8 Federal Street Belchertown, MA 01007 23-4036	9/1/90	1988
David Jacobsen 780 Federal Street Belchertown, MA 01007 253-7986	9/1/90	1988
Eileen Klockars (PASS coordinator) 27 Wilson Road Belchertown, MA 01007 253-9723	9/1/90	1988

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has two projects in Administration. Everett Acres a 48 unit project built and administered under the state's Chapter 667-1 Elderly Housing program and East Walnut Hill a 4 unit project built and administered under the state's Chapter 689 Housing for People with Special Needs program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age or handicap and income. The current maximum annual net income for eligibility is $14,868 for one person and $16,992 for a couple and up to $22,568 for a family of five. The eligibility requirement for state-aided elderly housing is 62 years of age.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay twenty-five percent of their net monthly income for rents including all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $146 per month. The anticipated income for fiscal 1989 is $85,960. Operating expenses are budgeted at $97,208 with an anticipated deficit of $11,248. All funding is provided by the state through the Executive Office of Communities and Development directly to the Authority. Everett Acres is fully occupied with a waiting list of thirty-five eligible applicants.

The Authority's new project on East Walnut Street was occupied during the year. A lease for three of the units was negotiated with Shelton's Inc. who will provide all services to the six retarded clients occupying the units. All expenses of these units will be funded by D.M.R. The fourth unit is leased by the Authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person. The Operating expenses for fiscal 1989 are budgeted at $17,330.

The Authority also has direct administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Program for Existing Housing. Under this program, the Authority assists very low income elderly, disabled or handicapped persons or families in paying their rents. Eligible persons are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units anywhere in the community that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their income for rents and utilities and the Authority pays the balance each month directly to the landlord. The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for fiscal 1989 is $130,738 with full funding provided by the federal government. All units allocated under the program have been filled and a waiting list is maintained.

In the past year, the Authority has been working on the development of six duplexes for families under the state's Chapter 705 program. Proposed site plans, unit layouts, and elevations have been reviewed with Architect Margo Jones and the Citizens Advisory Committee. There will be two 2-bedroom units, two 4-bedroom units, and eight 3-bedroom units. One of the three bedroom units will be barrier free for a family with a physically handicapped member. Schematic plans will be submitted to EOCD for their approval early next year. Three of the duplexes will be built on George Hannum Road. The Authority has continued to work with the administration of the Belchertown State School and DMR to secure a parcel of State owned land on State Street where the other three units will be built.

In exchange for the parcel of state owned land, the Authority has agreed to construct a second project for People with Special Needs under the state's Chapter 689 program. A four-bedroom unit will be constructed on the George Hannum and State Street site. Occupancy for the 705-1 and 689-2 units is planned for 1990.

In December of 1987, the Authority received notice of a Modernization grant award for improvements at Everett Acres. However, due to the state's financial situation no funds were released to the Authority in 1988. Funding and approvals necessary for the expenditure of the funds are expected by April 1989.

Belchertown Housing Authority

William C. Carmody, Chairman
Mary S. Pratt
Antoinette Kubiak
James Gambaro
W. Ira Shattuck (Re-signed 11-10-88)

Historical Commission

The Belchertown Historical Commission met monthly throughout the past year. Various issues have been addressed by the Commission. The main issue, which still remains, concerns the plans the Ludlow Savings Bank has for the Ames House and the eventual impact its removal will have on the Common area.

Members of the Commission have been active on the Strategic Planning committee which has been working on major revisions of the town zoning bylaws. One of the goals of the committee is to preserve the rural heritage and character of the town. To help achieve this, the Board of Selectmen has voted to form a Historic District Study Committee. They will investigate the possible formation of historic districts in town.

Another issue is the preservation of the nationally historic mile marker at the corner of Federal Street and George Hannum Road. A proposed project at the intersection may endanger that marker. The Commission hopes to review the site plans and offer suggestions. Belchertown is fortunate to have three of these historically significant markers.

The Commission was requested to respond to a grant application for repairs on the Clapp Memorial Library. A positive response was made in favor of the repairs in the hopes of the preservation of the unique architectural style of the Library.

Some of the accomplishments of the past year include the incorporation of some of the Commission's suggestions in the construction of the signalized intersection in the center of town. The camouflaged light poles and brick walks preserve the rural and aesthetically pleasing character of the center area Another is the installation of a bulletin board and reference materials in the Clapp Memorial Library. The members hope that the town people will utilize the information.

The surveying of the pre 1860 gravestones in the tow cemeteries is progressing. Rural and Lake Vale have been completed and South has been started. Copies of these surveys will b made available at the reference table in the library in the ne future.

The Commission's work continues as rapid change takeplace throughout Belchertown. We hope to have your support when we face the ongoing challenge of preservation as th town grows and increasing demands are made upon those are we hold historically dear to us.

The Commission wishes to thank Shirley Bock, retire member of the board, for her thoughtful and diligent work on th Commission over the past fifteen years. She will continue t work on the genealogy of the town's older families in combination with the cemetery survey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Lussier, Chairman
Lee Forsythe
Doris Dickinson
Kirk Stevens
Michael Milewski

Council on Aging

1988 was a year of change for the Council on Aging/multi Purpose Senior Center; changes which came about as we sought to respond to needs. More extensive services were provided fo the frail at-risk elder and there was a decrease in some of th group leisure services. Staff changes included the appointment o Sharon Zukowski as Social Services Coordinator upon the resignation of Cynthia McLaughlin together with three internal promotions and the addition of a part-time janitor. The Council' challenge continued to be that of maintaining adequate federa state, local, and participant support to enable us to continu services as well as to respond to new and changing needs.

Through PVTA our funding for the community's transportation services to the elderly and handicapped has increased a our service changed to accommodate an ever increasing numbe of day surgery trips, dialysis, medical day care, physical therapy and other medically related transportation. Contributing also t the increase is the enforcement of Section 504 which has affecte our non-elderly transportation load. An aggressive campaign t increase revenue for this service was launched and by the end o 1988 we were receiving revenue from Medicaid, Adult Medica Day Care at Mary Lane Hospital and Holyoke Geriatric Authority, and private subscription payments in addition to the nomina fares, the State Home Care reimbursements, and the congregat Nutrition transportation reimbursements. In FY '88 Belchertown's revenue from all sources for transportation service totalled $17,632,00; Belchertown being the third highest revenu community in PVTA's service area.

Federal Nutrition monies for the Nutrition program serv- g Belchertown and Granby remained level funded for yet other year. To date through an additional $3,000.00 in USDA oney awarded in late 1988 we remain solvent and able to ntinue this service. Preventing us from increasing appreciably e participant income is the federal regulation prohibiting an tual charge for the meals; we can only request a "suggested" nation — which currently is $1.25. Several of the costs eviously borne by the Nutrition budget were absorbed by our unicipal budget in 1988; specifically, janitor service and a rcentage of the Director's salary which had previously been imbursed each year to cover the administrative costs of the ogram. Granby also continues to assume the full wage costs for e Granby Home Delivered meals drivers. This shared fiscal sponsibility makes both communities partners in the federal utrition program.

No EOEA (Executive Office of Elder Affairs) Discretion- y Grant was sought in 1988 due to the decision that at this time fiscal constraint introducing new programs would be counter- oductive — Discretionary Grants being designated for "new d innovative" programs. EOEA Formula funds, an amount sed upon the elderly population, were received an amount of 2,441.00 and are being used to supplement our increasing rvices to the frail at-risk elders.

The Dedication of the Walk-In Freezer/storage facility ulminated our biggest community-wide fund drive since our ganization in 1975. At the Dedication the facility was officially esented to the Town of Belchertown by the Belchertown Senior itizens' Center Association and accepted on behalf of the Town y Bernard Kubiak, Board of Selectmen. Funds totalling 17,563.35 made this possible; of this total $13,621.25 were the et proceeds of the community-wide Fund Drive, the remainder oming from EOEA and the Town. To our Maintenance Depart- ent our thanks and appreciation for construction of the facility.

The Council's Operational and Capital budget at the close f 1988 involved the following sources and amounts:

own Appropriation —	Operations	$72,678.00
	Capital Equipment	5,000.00
enior Center Trust Fund		(3,159.00)*
utrition — (USDA/IIIC/SHC/Donation		171,232.00
SDA Additional Award		3,000.00
ransportation (Medicaid, SHC, IIIC, Fares)		59,014.00
OEA — Soc. Day + Soc. Sup.		8,541.00
enior Citizens' Center Assn.		9,450.00
ederal Employment Program		8,528.00
OTAL BUDGET		$337,443.00

* Trust Fund not included in Budget, solely long range avings

Volunteers remain our biggest asset! There is no area of Center services in which volunteers do not play a vital role. Their ontributions of time and talent go far beyond the hours given or the services rendered. It is their dedication and "caring" that makes them all so very special and gives Belchertown the reputation of being "warm and friendly".

Belchertown's "community cooperation" has gained Statewide recognition. In attending meetings I find that our "working together" among departments, churches, and the community at large is the exception to the norm. The supportive and cooperative relationship which we enjoy with the churches continues to grow and contributes greatly to the value and scope of many of the services. Interdepartmentally, of special note during 1988 are the projects at the Center performed by the Maintenance Dept., the staffing of the Aqua-Nastics program by Parks & Recreation, the maintenance of our vehicles by the Highway Dept., the intergenerational activities with the School Dept., the frequent and willing assistance offered by the Police Dept., and the valuable help from our Executive Secretary, our Town Accountant, our Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen. Closer linkages are being experienced with the Housing Authority, Mill Hollow Elderly Housing Management, and Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative. We are grateful for this spirit of cooperation — it makes a big difference!

Again in 1988, Belchertown's elder/handicapped population figure remained fairly constant at 1,450 +/20. The trend for increased specialized services to the homebound and increased numbers of non-elders relying upon the Council for Information & Referral, transportation, and nutrition services greatly expanded our work load.

The nutrition, transportation, and Social Day Care services, each operating with a separate budget, are the areas which have seen the greatest changes during 1988 as we modified or expanded the specific service to meet current needs.

1) Home Delivered Meals continues to respond to early hospital discharge, modified diets, more short term service, and an increasing number of non-elders needing short term service.

2) Transportation service continued to respond to the increases first felt in 1987 for medically related needs; coupled in 1988 with the increased demand brought about by stricter conformity to Section 504 at the funding level.

3) Social Day Care continues to serve the frail at-risk person, the mobility impaired person, and the vision or hearing impaired person with needed supports and assistance in the Senior Center setting. During 1988 two non-elders were regular participants. Unfortunately, Belchertown has not been successful in securing any appreciable third party reimbursement for this service; it remains largely supported by monies generated at the Center and monies from EOEA and Town wages.

Overall service/programs of the COA/MPSC can best be reflected in the following charts.

I. UNDUPLICATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS EACH SERVICE CATEGORY:
(7/1/87 — 6/30 88)

	1986	1987	1988
Outreach	774	184	544
Health	461	477	636
Nutrition	457	431	416
Transportation	255	214	222
Activities/Community Service	711	727	811
At Least One Service	950	837	1,005

II. VOLUME OF PARTICIPATION/SERVICE:
(7/1/87 — 6/30/88)

Total Center Visits	46,112	45,811	41,309
Total Congregate Meals	19,052	18,873	18,307
Total Home Del. Meals	49,624	51,487	52,319
Total Health	3,142	3,591	6,936
Total Transportation Trips	14,598	15,823	14,829
Total Transportation Miles	57,768	78,709	102,569
Total Activities	27,060	19,338	16,871
Total Outreach	4,392	1,570	2,691

Health related services were offered by and through the Center and were made possible through the cooperation of Mercy Hospital Audiology, Mary Lane Hospital, Wing Memorial Hospital, our three community physicians, Rose Tyrburski our Visiting Nurse, and many volunteer nurses. The scope of the services which these facilities and individuals make available to our community is exceptional.

Our "Quabbinaires" — Belchertown's walking group, an important "wellness" program of the Center is very active and each year has won awards at the Governor's Cup Walkathon in Boston. Our "Aqua-Nastics" work out three days a week in the Chestnut Hill Community pool under the leadership of Robin Law; all participants reporting that the aquatic exercise is very beneficial.

Information & Referral services continued to grow in complexity as well as in numbers due to the continual changes in regulations. Center staff strives to keep abreast of the rapidly changing regulations by attending seminars and maintaining a close connection with governmental agencies. Again in 1988 we served as the agency in Town for community-wide distribution of surplus food, and also as intake for the Fuel Assistance applications for all eligible elderly and handicapped. AARP offered Income Tax Assistance for community residents; the service being provided by IRS trained volunteers.

Activities offered covered a wide spectrum of opportunities from very passive to the very active and mobile such as bowling, walking, or swimming. Day trips and extended trips did not generate the response of previous years, but they continued to be offered throughout 1988.

The Council on Aging, a town appointed Board, organized in the fall of 1988 with Shirley Dorey, Chr., Casimir Owczarski, Vice-Chr., Rev. Robert Sisson, recording Secretary, and Carol Shay, Treasurer, Louis Fuller, Winifred Shattuck, Ruthe Tucker, Jean Allison, Fr. John Pickowitz, Carl Takvorian, a Morton Sweeney. We accepted the resignation of Ger Houlihan and Katherine Everett with regret and with apprec tion for all that they had contributed over the years. Ms. Ever resigned to serve in the Peace Corps, while Mr. Houlihan signed due to the increased demands on his time by his busine

The Council holds membership in the National Council Aging, Massachusets Association of Elderly Nutrition Prov ers, Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging Directo and Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Agi

The services offered represent our best response to t needs of our community. Our future goals are basic; we will stri to grow and change as the needs indicate, constantly working improve the quality of services offered in the most professio manner possible. We invite each of you to visit the Center; yo comments and input are most welcome. Our hopes of attaini our goals are based upon the wholehearted community supp which we have always experienced, coupled with our volunte commitment and the cooperation of social service agencies in t area.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise C. Wadsworth, COA Director

Parks, Beach & Recreation Department

1988 was a very busy year for us. Interest and enrollme in our programs continued to increase which makes our respo sibilities of meeting those demands our number one priority. V have tried to offer a well rounded program to meet all age leve and abilities, and we feel to the best of our knowledge we a meeting the communities needs. As the community grows, must we.

The Recreation Department is staffed by two full-tir employees, but supplemented by many part-time employe along with a wealth of volunteers. Without all those helpi hands, we would not be where we are today. Many thanks go c to each and every one of you.

The following agencies and businesses were sponsors 1988: Clark's Sport Shop, Holyoke Sporting, Besancon's M ket, Hulmes Transportation, Lioness Club, Don Cole, Frank Lawnmower Service, Bay Path Realty, Quabbin Service Static Video Studio 19, Conkey Lumber, Stebbins Construction, Ree Auto Body, Don's Auto Service, Mill Valley Splicing, He richon Electric, Red's Pool, VFW, Bell & Hudson Insuranc Quabbin Valley Development, D.H. Jones, Asplundh, Ham shire Steel, T.S. Morganbake, McCarthy's Pub, Village Packa American Legion, Belchertown Pharmacy, New Town Hou Restaurant, Ludlow Savings Bank, Elder Lumber, Snow's Cou

Store, Swift River Crafts, Interskate 91, Lucianno's Bakery, ll McCourt (New England Liquors), Rich Walker (Miller), ian Computer Corp., Quabbin Valley Insurance, Quabbin lley Realty, Advance Insurance, Mill Valley Country Club, e Pet Shed, Belchertown Discount Glass, Cuts & Styles, rbes Snyder, H.L. Childs, C&N Television & Electronics, nry Construction.

As the year has come to the end, we look back at all we have complished, at programming areas we have missed and areas at can be expanded. We consistently try to provide the most up- date programs that we can, and keep peoples interest and vareness about all the recreational opportunities this depart- ent offers. We have recently brought back into the program, pen Volleyball, which seems to be very welcomed. Here is a list other programs that were offered in 1988: Instructional Bas- tball (co-ed), 5th & 6th Grade Basketball for boys and girls, 7th 8th Grade Basketball for boys and girls, Adult Basketball, pen Basketball, Instructional Baseball, Organized Baseball for es 7-18 yrs.,

Men's Softball, Women's Softball, Co-Ed Adult Softball, irls Softball, Instructional Soccer, 5th & 6th Grade Soccer for bys and girls, 7th & 8th Grade Soccer for boys and girls, immer Playground for children ages 6-12 yrs., Arts & Crafts ummer & School year), Red Cross Swim Lessons (Summer & chool year), Adult Swim Lessons, Advance Lifesaving Train- g, Swimnastic Exercise Class (Adults & Senior Citizens), wim Team, Adult Lap Swim, Family Swim, Senior Citizen wim, Scuba Diving, CPR, First Aid, Red Cross Babysitting for bys and girls, Karate & Self-Defense, Youth Golf Lessons, enior Citizens Cross Country Skiing Lessons, Adult and Chil- ren Cross Country Skiing Lessons, Aerobics for Fitness, Open ennis, Tennis Lessons for Adults and Children, Outside Basket- all, Ice Skating.

Special events put on by the Recreation Department were: he 8th Annual Oktoberfest Road Race (Co-Sponsored by the FW), Awards Picnic (Co-Sponsored by the VFW), Roller- kating Trips, Mt. Tom Alpine, Water Slide and Wave Pool, lagic Show, Pet Show, Penny Carnival and Kite Workshop.

We are always looking for opportunities to offer new rograms. We look to the community for people who are willing offer their talents for the benefit of others. In 1989 we hope to ffer more swim lessons through the Winter months, more specialized" aquatic programs (Mom & Tot swim classes, Vater Safety Instructor Course, etc.) and work on the Fitness rail behind Chestnut Hill Community School.

Once again we thank Gus Linde, Head of Maintenance, ho continues to do an excellent job maintaining all the Recrea- onal areas. This list includes; Parson's Field, Cold Spring Field, ustin-Gaughn Softball Field, High School Fields, Tennis ourts, Outside Basketball Court/ice Rink, Track, Picnic Pavil- on and Middle School Fields.

Another member was added to the Recreation Committee, Thomas Sullivan, who has devoted many hours to various programs, from coaching to chaperoning dances.

Publicity for our programs was done through a monthly Newsletter, monthly School Flyer, newspaper write-ups in the Holyoke Transcript, Springfield Morning & Daily news, Springfield Union, Amherst Record and the Sentinel. Special events were announced on area Radio Stations, Newspapers, Flyers in Town as well as surrounding Towns and Posters put up in various locations around Town.

As another year has ended we look back and are pleased at all we have accomplished. We look to the new year for continued success and opportunities to expand our Recreational offerings for the people of Belchertown. The Recreation Committee and I welcome any suggestions and or criticisms about the department and its programs. We would like to invite you to our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. Again, Thank You for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Knapp
Recreation Director
Robin Law
Assistant Director
Committee;
Pat Burton, Chairman
Bruce Smith
Sylvia Conkey
Dave Woodcock
Tom Sullivan

Eastern Hamphire Regional Refuse Planning Board

Solid waste disposal costs in the Pioneer Valley have risen from $3 a ton 10 years ago to $60-$80 a ton now. Existing landfill space is rapidly running out. New, environmentally sound landfills can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to site, and millions to build. State funding to aid towns in this purpose is available only to Solid Waste Districts, groupings of towns bound together by a legal agreement under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 44.

For the past year, towns in Hampshire County have been preparing for the formation of a District to manage the waste stream in our area. These towns are Amherst, Belchertown, Hadley, Leverett, Pelham, and Shutesbury.

The draft agreement developed by these towns' solid waste committees is summarized in the following pages. This document has been given to town officials and to bond and legal counsel to review. It was written for general readership (not just lawyers) and we encourage you to read it. You can find a copy at your local library or contact one of your representatives or Selectmen (see back).

Summary of the Solid Waste District Agreement (Draft)

Decision Making:

Each member town appoints one representative and one alternate for a two-year term. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected from the body by the one-town-one-vote method. The Clerk and Treasurer are appointed by the Chair from outside the body (the "body", or group of representatives, is called the "Board of Supervisors").

Any amendments (which include towns being admitted or withdrawing) go back to the individual municipalities for an official vote of Town Meeting. The annual budget and long-term indebtedness must be passed back to towns for a vote after having been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Other decisions are made by weighted vote (based on population), with the affirmative vote of two towns being necessary to pass any articles.

Cost Allocation:

The appropriation of costs is on a per capita basis. Bills are sent quarterly.

Landfill Location:

Joining the District means that your town is a potential host for a landfill site, as are all of the other member towns. The District has the power of eminent domain for siting in accordance with the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering siting regulations. Current landfills are exempt from consideration unless offered by the host town. These are certain benefits to the host community and specific guidelines as to what is acceptable in a landfill, etc

Responsibilities:

Once a town joins the District, the Agreement states that if it wishes to withdraw from the District, it must wait 18 months. That town will also remain financially responsible for its participation in the District, even after it withdraws. In order for a town to join after the formation of the District, it must first get approval of town meeting, then a proposal must go to each existing member town for approval at their Town Meeting.

The District will be responsible for providing a site for disposal. It will not provide for in-town collection (of trash) or transport to the facility. The District will determine what materials are acceptable in the landfill. Other materials, such as recyclables, demolition debris and household hazardous waste, may become the responsibility of the District if agreed to by the member towns. Otherwise they are the responsibility of individual towns.

Powers:

The "powers and duties" spelled out in the Agreem follow Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section regarding districts and include eminent domain; contracting services and monies; and, building, operating and regulatin solid waste facility.

Eastern Hampshire County Regional Refuse Planni Board Members are:

Amherst
Roger Cherewatti, Director, Physical Plant, UMass
Diana Romer
Stanley Ziomek, Director, Department of Public Works

Belchertown
Herbert Squires
William G. Whitlock, Executive Secretary
Eric Weiss, Recycling Committee Chair?

Hadley
Noreen Ciaglo, Board of Selectmen
Martha Little, Housing Authority
Alfred Szarkowski, Board of Health, Chair

Leverett
Jim Male
John Link
Paul Burke

Pelham
Earl Fay
Tom Lederle
Alison Leschen

Shutesbury
Diane Jacoby
Randy Stone
Paul Vlach, Board of Selectmen

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 8, 1988

esidential Preference (Vote for 1)	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Totals
Michael S. Dukakis	150	207	97	454
Albert Gore, Jr.	11	9	3	23
Florenzo Di Donato	0	1	2	3
Paul Simon	16	3	6	25
Bruce Babbitt	2	3	1	6
Richard E. Gephardt	11	14	19	44
Jesse L. Jackson	126	71	49	246
Gary Hart	2	5	3	10
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	0	0	0	0
No Preference	1	5	3	9
Write-ins	2	1	2	5
Blanks	8	12	7	27
Totals	329	331	192	852

ate Committee Man (Worc., Frank., Hampd. & Hamps. District) (Vote for 1)				
Ralph E. Hicks	194	193	121	508
Blanks	135	138	71	344
Totals	329	331	192	852

ate Committee Woman (Worc., Frank., Hampd. & Hamps. District) (Vote for 1)				
Mary Lou Szulborski	230	235	139	604
Blanks	99	96	53	248
Totals	329	331	192	852

own Committee (Vote-Not More Than 35)				
Group 1	135	137	92	364
Harold W. Willey	162	177	111	450
Alice T. Willey	159	172	104	435
Dorothy M. Brennen	164	185	111	460
Arthur H. Brennen	159	180	104	443
Judith C. Dudek	163	178	112	453
Francis A. Dudek	167	176	108	451
Bertha M. Loftus	161	177	110	448
Francis P. Loftus	148	170	111	429
Samuel Jay Joyal	153	166	107	426
Edward O. Lofland	158	161	103	422
Veronica I. Wallace	154	165	100	419
Phyllis W. Flaherty	153	168	102	423
Helen L. Papp	170	181	119	470
John W. Avery	157	175	104	436
Edna C. Nelligan	152	165	103	420
Edmond A. Blaine	150	155	100	405
Arlene J. Goodrow	164	180	104	448
Francis E. Goodrow	157	170	106	433
John B. Curry, Jr.	157	170	105	432
Claire L. Curry	155	170	103	438
Casimir W. Owczarski	158	186	108	452

Richard K. Cook, Sr.	150	168	110	42
Stanley M. Antonovitch	149	162	105	41
Stephanie Moriarty	155	164	101	42
Antoinette M. Kubiak	191	197	118	50
Walter L. Papp	168	178	114	46
Keith W. McHaffie	152	165	102	41
Bernard R. Kubiak	194	202	122	51
Warren P. Barrett	146	159	104	40
Mary E. McCollom	160	170	103	43
Blanks	6,594	6,256	3,414	16,26
Totals	11,515	11,585	6,720	29,82

Registered Democrats —	Precinct A —	511	Voted 3/8/88 —	329
	Precinct B —	628	Voted 3/8/88 —	331
	Precinct C —	333	Voted 3/8/88 —	192
		1,472		852

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Presidential Preference (Vote for 1)	Prec. A	Prec B.	Prec. C	Total
Pierre S. DuPont, IV	2	2	0	
Marion G. (Pat) Robertson	3	2	2	
George Bush	45	57	51	15
Alexander M. Haig, Jr.	0	1	0	
Jack Kemp	4	6	7	1
Bob Dole	25	32	33	9
No Preference	1	2	3	
Blanks	2	10	1	1
Totals	82	112	97	29

State Committee Man (Worc., Frank., Hampd. & Hamps. District) (Vote for 1)				
Stuart Krusell	13	16	9	3
Thomas E. Madigan	8	11	16	3
Robert W. Portier	48	54	47	14
Blanks	13	31	25	6
Totals	82	112	97	29

State Committee Woman (Worc., Frank., Hampd. & Hamps. District) (Vote for 1)				
Sandra D. Adams	62	71	62	19
Madeline F. Parquette	7	9	12	2
Blanks	13	32	23	6
Totals	82	112	97	29

Town Committee (Vote-Not More Than 35)				
Group 1	44	49	44	13
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	51	56	55	16
Anthony Crisafulli	54	55	57	16
Donald E. Perham	47	60	61	16
William Barnett	47	57	57	16
Winifred B. Shattuck	60	75	67	20

Marcel F. Archambault (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Robert MacPherson (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Wayne Paradise (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Keith M. Rogers (Write in)	4	0	4	8
David L. Laventure (Write in)	4	1	3	8
William M. Cary (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Donna M. Buxton (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Herbert E. Squires (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Gould Ketchen (Write in)	4	0	3	7
David A. Staples (Writein)	4	0	3	7
George Harrell (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Andrew Sears (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Victoria T. Sears (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Bessie Getlin (Write in)	4	0	3	7
Blanks	2,511	3,567	3,011	9,089
Totals	2,870	3,920	3,395	10,185

Registered Republicans —	Precinct A —	188	Voted 3/8/88 —	82
	Precinct B —	276	Voted 3/8/88 —	112
	Precinct C —	173	Voted 3/8/88 —	97
		637		291

Registered Voters in Belchertown

	Precinct A	**Precinct B**	**Precinct C**	**Totals**
mocrat	511	628	333	1,472
publican	188	276	173	637
dependent	892	1,058	754	2,704
tals	1,591	1,962	1,260	4,813

(23.7% voted 3/8/88)

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 14, 1988 at Chestnut Hill Community School

FY88

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Town Moderator Joseph R. White, Esq. Mr. White announced that only 61 voters were present; quorum is 75. Recessed until 75 are present.

Reconvened at 9:10 a.m. Quorum present.

The Town Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from the Tree Warden wage account the sum of $2,200.00 to the Tree Warden expense account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from the Dutch Elm Disease wage account the sum of $560.00 to the Dutch Elm Disease expense account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,000.00 to the Snow Removal account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $19,000.00 to the Veterans' Benefits account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to the Law Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Sanitary Landfill expense account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,487.58 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Snap-On-Tools	$35.10
Carol M. Wagner	202.50
Michael Beresky	202.50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,047.48

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 8. Voted to rescind the action of Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of November 23, 1987, eliminating a revolving fund for the Belchertown Fair.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $110,288
for the following specified purposes:

Assessors Maps	$20,000
Fire Station Plans	20,000
Cold Spring School Plans	18,000
Assessors Computer Equipment	10,000
Handicapped Ramp	10,000
Police Radios	11,588
Sr. Center Flooring	5,500
Hazardous Waste Suit	3,000
Snowblower/Lawnmower	1,200
Snow Plows	11,000

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, an amendment
proposed which would have eliminated the reques
$20,000.00 for Fire Station Plans. A 2/3's majority
vote cut off debate, followed by a majority no vot
the amendment.)

Article 10. Voted to rescind the action taken on Article 19 of
Annual Town Meeting of May 9, 1987, with regard to
appropriation of funds for the construction of the George H
num Road Interceptor sewer line and appropriate the sum
$1,380,000.00 for the construction of the George Hannum R
Interceptor sewer line, and to meet said appropriation, autho
the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to bor
pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, S. 8; and to authorize the Se
Commissioners to apply for and accept any federal or state gr
which will reduce the borrowing.

(Vote: Yes-106; No-4 = 2/3's Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, a unanimous
vote cut off the debate.)

At this point in the meeting, a recess was called to conv
the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. The recess
from 10:17 a.m. to 10:36 a.m.

Article 11. Voted to accept Chapter 40, Section 39K of
Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the purpos
creating an enterprise fund for sewer services.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,00
to the Maintenance/groundskeeper expense account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 13. Voted to appropriate from the Council on A
salary account the sum of $2,600.00 to the Council on A
wage account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

ticle 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 the Fire Department expense account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

ticle 15. Voted to appropriate from the Planning Board salary count the sum of $24,000.00 to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

ticle 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 be used in conjunction with those funds appropriated in Article of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 1986 and in Article of the Annual Town Meeting of May 9, 1987 for the renova-n of Lawrence Memorial Hall.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

ticle 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,000.00 the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 10:49 a.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach

Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

tion taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 14, 88 at Chestnut Hill Community School FY 89

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:18 n. with 186 voters present. (Quorum required — 75)

The Town Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Selectmen Chairman Rhodes led in the Pledge of Alle-nce to the flag.

Mr. Rhodes presented the Citizen of the Year Award to vid Conkey of the Police Department, enumerating his many rvices to the Town, particularly his ambulance response. Se-tman Herbert Squires presented the Employee of the Year vard to William (Gus) Linde, Town Maintenance Department pervisor.

Selectman Joanne Newman presented award for Volunteer the Year to Gloria Fox, Chairman of the Community Play-ound Committee.

Executive Secretary William G. Whitlock presented a Les mpbell photo of Quabbin to retiring Selectman Shirley drich.

Selectman Bernard Kubiak presented a similar photo to retiring Selectman Joanne Newman.

At this point, the meeting was recessed (10:36 a.m.) to allow completion of the Special Town Meeting.

Annual Meeting reconvened at 10:49 a.m. Quorum present.

Article 1. Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, each for one year, and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1988, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, the Board of Health, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$8.76
Cemetery Commissioners	8.50
Sewer Commissioners	8.50
Board of Health Members	6.00
Tree Warden	10.00

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $1,400.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 6. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 7. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvements Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 8. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $70,000.00 for Improvements to Public Ways pending reimbursement of General Laws, Chapter 577, Section 8 of the Acts of 1980.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 9. Voted to appropriate from Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures account the sum of $50,000.00 and from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to the Reserve Fund.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 10. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 11. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. Voted to increase the cost of a cemetery grave to the sum of $150.00 to be apportioned as follows: $50.00 for the grave and $100.00 for perpetual care.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 13. Voted to accept the following rules and regulations for Hillcrest Cemetery on Bardwell Street in Belchertown:

1. Sale of lots shall in each case be consummated by the payment therefore and by the delivery of a deed; and no lot shall be considered sold until said delivery of payment.

2. Deeds for said lot shall be produced for examination by the undertaker and/or Commissioners, before interment into said lot.

3. Lots will be established and the corner bounds will be placed by the Commissioners.

4. Lots shall not be used for any purpose other than as a burial place for the dead.

5. If any trees or shrubs in said lot shall become in any way detrimental to the adjacent lots, avenues or paths, or dangerous or inconvenient, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to enter into said lot and remove said trees or shrubs, or whatever.

6. If any monument or effigy, or any inscription be placed in or upon the said lot, that is considered offensive or improper, the Commissioners have the right to enter said lot and remove said offensive or improper object or objects.

7. Curbing, projecting corner posts, fences, hedges, shrubs, flowering plants on or about any lot or lots are prohibited, exc as approved by the Commissioners.

8. All monuments, headstones, markers or any other erection be placed in the Cemetery, must be approved by the Boar Commissioners or their authorized agents, and must hav suitable foundation.

9. All foundations shall be put in by or under the supervisio the Commissioners, and no monuments shall be put in witho foundation.

10. All headstones or markers will be flush with the ground at Hillcrest Cemetery Annex. Section 1, on the Cemetery Comn sioners Map, will allow 1 upright marker per 16' x 22' lot.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 14. Voted to amend the "Personnel By-Law", as pr ously amended, in the following manner:

Changes to be effective July 1, 1988.

Under Section 5. House of Work and Overtime, delete A.2. A.3. and replace with the following:

2. For salaried employees classified as Management, Admi trative Management/Professional and Administrative Pro sional in Appendix A, forty (40) hours per seven (7) calendar work period, Thursday through Wednesday.

3. For employees classified as Administrative Support, Cle and Senior Services in Appendix A, forty (40) hours per seve calendar day work period, Thursday, through Wednesday.

and

Delete Section B.2. and B.3. and replace with the followin

2. Employees classified as Management, Administrative M agement/Professional and Administrative Professional in pendix A are not eligible to receive overtime compensat Salaried employees are expected to work the number of h required to perform the duties assigned to them.

3. Employees classified as Administrative Support, Clerical Senior Services in Appendix A, who are required to wor excess of forty (40) hours in a seven (7) calendar day work pe Thursday through Wednesday, shall be paid at the rate of and one half (1-1/2) for all hours worked in excess of forty (

and

under Section 6. Employees Benefits. 2. Vacation, delete p graph a in its entirety thus relettering paragraph b. to a. and fo consecutively with remaining paragraphs. Paragraph a. to re follows:

ss than and including five (5) years completed service as of the ployee's anniversary date of the month, 5/6 day per full endar month employed during that twelve (12) month period.

ete 7. Personal Leave and replace with the following:

'ersonal Leave

ployees shall be eligible for three (3) paid days personal leave ing the fiscal year. An employee wishing to take a personal ve day shall request the Head of the Department or the ervising committee at least forty eight (48) hours in advance ept in emergencies.

iend APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COM-NSATION PLAN:, as follows:

tegory & Position	Classification & Pay Level
MANAGEMENT	
Police Chief	$35,393.00
Highway Superintendent	30,675.00
Town Accountant/Administrative Secretary	30,675.00
Director of Inspection Services	27,135.00
Maintenance Supervisor & Craftsman	23,596.00
Executive Director Senior Services	23,596.00
Recreation Director	21,236.00
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT/ PROFESSIONAL	
Assistant Principal Assessor	22,500.00
Town Planner/Grantswriter	26,412.00
ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL	
Social Services Coordinator	7
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	
Administrative Assistant/Assessors	8
Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Collector	7
Assistant Town Clerk, Deputy Collector	7
Assistant Town Accountant/Secretary	7
Sr. Dispatcher/Police Administrative Secretary	7
Assessors' Office Manager	6
Recreation Supervisor	5
Dispatcher/Secretary	5
Sr. Clerk/Deputy Collector/Ass't to Treasurer	7
Administrative Ass't to Inspection Services & Planning Board	5
Clerk/Computer Data Entry & Programming	5
E. CLERICAL	
Secretary	5
Senior Clerk	4
Clerk & Typist	4
Clerk III	3
Clerk II	2
Clerk I	1
F. MAINTENANCE	
Building & Grounds Maintenance Worker	$8.56
Custodian & Maintenance Worker	8.56
G. SENIOR SERVICES	
Center Services	6.42
Dispatcher-Office Assistant	6.13
Nutrition Cook-Site Manager	7.66
Cook-Home Delivery Coordinator	6.58
Senior Nutrition Aide	4.83
Junior Nutrition Aide	4.83
Consultant Dietician	
Transportation Supervisor Primary Driver	7.30
Outreach-Social Support	6.18
Social Day Care Aide	4.83

COMPENSATION PLAN:

A. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE:

Clerk, Board of Registrars	According to Chapter 41, Section 19G, M.G.L.
Fire Chief	$14,500.00
Veterans' Agent	3,900.00
Director of Civil Defense	250.00
Deputy Director of Civil Defense	100.00
Radio Officer, Civil Defense	100.00
Assisting Member, Civil Defense	100.00
Animal Inspector	350.00
Dog Officer	800.00
and per action	10.00
Assistant Dog Officer	400.00
and per action	10.00
Plumbing Inspector per inspection	10.00
Electrical Inspector per inspection	10.00
Gas Inspector per inspection	10.00

B. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, HOURLY SCHEDULE:

Secretary/Assistant-Zoning Board of Appeals	$4.90-6.50
Conservation Commission Assistant	3.55-6.90
Election Workers	3.55-5.31
Clerk/Typist	3.55-5.52
Clerk/Dispatcher/Secretary/Matron	3.55-6.49
Parks & Recreational Seasonal Employees	3.55-7.08
Swim Team Coach (Seasonal)	8.00
Swim Team Assistant Coach (Seasonal)	6.00
Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employees	3.55-5.90
Recording Secretary to Board of Selectmen	3.55-8.50

C. WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE. For all full time employees except those classified as Management, Administrative Management/Professional and Administrative Professional, Maintenance and Seasonal Employees. A full time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) hours or more per week.

Pay Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	$215.45	$224.07	$233.03	$242.35	$252.05
2	232.69	241.99	251.67	261.74	272.21
3	251.30	261.35	271.81	282.68	293.99
4	271.40	282.26	293.55	305.29	317.51
5	293.12	304.84	317.04	329.72	342.91
6	316.57	329.23	342.40	356.09	370.34
7	341.89	355.57	369.79	384.58	399.97
8	369.24	384.01	399.37	415.35	431.96
9	398.78	414.73	431.32	448.58	466.52
10	430.69	447.91	465.83	484.46	503.84
11	465.14	483.75	503.10	523.22	544.15
12	502.35	522.455	543.34	565.08	587.68

Employees classified as Management, Administrative Management/Professional and Administrative Professional shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees except those classified as Management, Administrative Management/professional and Administrative Professional who work forty (40) hours or less per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the number of hours actually worked.

D. SALARY RANGE:

The Personnel Board may establish salary ranges for the Management and Administrative Management/Professional categories and shall place each manager on his/her appropriate step within such range subject to an annual review.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 15. Voted to accept the sum of $149,709.00 in E. E. O. G. funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (a). Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, appropriate from free cash in the treasury, or appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing funds for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (b). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$496,424.00 for General Government, each item and amo
recommended in the Finance Committee's report being cons
ered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (c). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$763,794.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each it
and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's rep
being considered as a separate appropriation voted by To
Meeting.

(Vote — Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, "subsection c", an ame
ment was proposed restoring $2,000.00 to Item 26 Tree Ward
with $1,000.00 each to Wages & Expenses. The vote was: Y
73, No-45, Motion to amend = Majority Yes.)

Article 16 (d). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$5,549,131.00 for the Town School Department with each i
and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committe
report being considered as a separate appropriation voted
Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (e). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$357,909.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Techn
High School District, each item and amount recommended
shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered
separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (f). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$512,766.00 for the Highway Department, each item and amo
recommended in the Finance Committee's report being con
ered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (g). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$151,818.00 for Sanitation and Environmental Departme
each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committe
report being considered as a separate appropriation voted
Town Meeting.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (h). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$162,920.00 for Human Services Department, each item
amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report be
considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meet

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 (i). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum
$81,000.00 and appropriate from free cash in the treasury the
of $81,244.00 for Culture and Recreation, each item and am
recommended in the Finance Committee's report being con

l as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 16 (j). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of
6,034.00 for Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item
amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report
ng considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town
eting.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 16 (k). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of
9,538.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item
amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report
ng considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town
eting.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 16 (l). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of
,700.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount
ommended in the Finance Committee's report being consid-
l as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 16 (m). Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of
82,803.00 for Interest and Maturing Debt, each item and
unt recommended in the Finance Committee's report being
sidered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 17. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the
of $5,500.00 for the purpose of a treatment of Lakes
acomet and Arcadia; and authorize the Board of Selectmen
pply for, receive and expend without further appropriation an
tional sum of $16,500.00 from the Commonwealth of Mas-
usetts for said purpose.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 18. Voted to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing
ds the sum of $3,256.95 and raise and appropriate the sum of
3.05 to clean and clear the outlet of Lake Metacomet.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 19. Voted to authorize the Pathfinder Regional Voca-
al Technical High School District Committee to accept an
al Educational Opportunity Grant for Fiscal 1989 in the
unt of $111,570.00 under the provisions of Chapter 188,
ion 5, of the Acts of 1985, said grant to be expended by the
ol committee for direct service expenditures.
(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

icle 20. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previ-
y amended, in the following prescribed manner:
ete from Residential District the following described lands
include the same within the Limited Business District:
land on the easterly side of North Main Street, bounded and
ribed as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of said North Main Street, said point being the southwesterly corner of the tract herein conveyed and the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Dickenson;

thence northerly along the easterly line of said North Main Street, one hundred (100) feet to land now or formerly of Catherine S. Chadbourne;

thence South 74°5' East along said Chadbourne land, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to a point;

thence southerly in a line parallel with the first described course, one hundred (100) feet to the northeasterly corner of land of said Dickenson;

thence North 64°5' West along the northerly line of land of said Dickenson, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to the place of beginning,

and

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the first parcel herein described;

thence southwesterly along the easterly line of said first parcel herein described, seventy-five (75) feet to an iron pin at the northwesterly corner of Lot No. 3 as shown on said plan;
thence easterly along the northerly line of said Lot No. 3, fifty (50) feet to an iron pin;

thence northeasterly along land now or formerly of Catherine S. Chadbourne in a line parallel with the first described course, seventy-five (75) feet to an iron pin;

thence northwesterly in a line parallel with the second described course and still along said Chadbourne land, fifty (50) feet to an iron pin at the place of beginning.

Containing approximately 0.37 acres, more or less, and as referred to on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps as Lots 86 and 87, Map 10A, revised to January 1, 1987.

(Vote: Yes-92; No-17; = 2/3 Majority Yes)
(Required for 2/3's = 72)

Article 21. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:
To add to Section IV A.2. General Residential District, the following:

(h) Office and clinic for medical, psychiatric or other health services for the examination or treatment of persons as outpatients, including only laboratories that are part of such office or clinic with 2,500 square feet or less of floorspace.

(Vote: Yes-87; No-17; = 2/3 Majority Yes)
(Required for 2/3's = 69)

Article 22. (Five minute recess requested & granted at 12:23 p.m. Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.)

On the motion — To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control to the Board of Selectmen of a portion of a certain parcel of land on Springfield Road as shown on Assessor's Map 13, Lot Number 4, as revised to January 1, 1988, and further described as follows: (see entire text in Warrant)

a majority no vote defeated the article. Vote: Yes-5; No-88

(This article if passed would have transferred a cer parcel of land to the Selectmen's custody, and the conveyed from the Selectmen to the Housing Aut ity. This land is located on Springfield Road.)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a motion to cut off de failed to succeed. The vote was: Yes-57; No-33; Require 2/3's = 60. Debate continued.)

Meeting dissolved at 12:51 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 14, 1988

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM REVENUE SHAR.	FROM STAB. FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL. FUNDS BOR
1-4.	None	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	From Sale of Cem. Lots Acct. to Cem. Comm. Exp. Acct.	1,400.00	—	—	—	—	1,400.00
6.	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving tax cases	100.00	-	100.00	—	—	—
7.	None	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Public Ways-Improvements	70,000.00	—	70,000.00	—	—	—
9.	Reserve Fund (from Fund balance reserved for Extraordinary & Unforeseen Exp. Acct. & from free cash)	60,000.00	—	10,000.00	—	—	50,000.00
10.	To Conservation Fund	1,000.00	—	1,000.00	—	—	—
11.-15.	None —	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.	Itemized Budgets						
	(a) None —	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) General Government (Total)	496,424.00	—	—	—	—	—
	1. Moderator, Salary	—	35.00	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	10.00	—	—	—	—
	2. Selectmen, Salaries	—	6,300.00	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	10,611.00	—	—	—	—
	Out of State Travel	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
	3. Executive Secretary, Salary	—	35,393.00	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	3,600.00	—	—	—	—
	Out of State Travel	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
	4. Town Accountant/Admin.Sect., Salary	—	30,675.00	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	38,261.00	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	20,200.00	—	—	—	—
	5. Town Clerk, Salary	—	9,911.00	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	20,235.00	—	—	—	—

Expenses		—	6,911.00	—	—	—	—	—
6. Town & Tax Collector,								
Salary		—	12,742.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	30,226.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	9,890.00	—	—	—	—	—
7. Town Treasurer,								
Salary		—	12,74200	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	26,498.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	15,590.00	—	—	—	—	—
8. Board of Assessors,								
Salaries		—	3,200.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	80,462.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	26,455.00	—	—	—	—	—
Out of St. Travel		—	500.00	—	—	—	—	—
9. Law Account,								
Expenses		—	31,800.00	—	—	—	—	—
10. Finance Committee,								
Wages		—	120.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	480.00	—	—	—	—	—
11. Election & Registration,								
Salary		—	200.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	18,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	10,300.00	—	—	—	—	—
2. Planning Board,								
Salary		—	15,081.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	9,548.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	6,718.00	—	—	—	—	—
3. Board of Appeals,								
Wages		—	2,500.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	575.00	—	—	—	—	—
4. Personnel Board,								
Expenses		—	55.00	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Protection of Persons & Property (Total)	763,794.00							
5. Police Department,								
Salary		—	35,393.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	402,882.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	104,746.00	—	—	—	—	—
6. Ambulance Service,								
Wages		—	17,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	5,085.00	—	—	—	—	—
7. Fire Department,								
Salaries		—	17,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	27,046.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	39,950.00	—	—	—	—	—
Out of State Travel		—	500.00	—	—	—	—	—
8. Hydrant Service,								
Expenses		—	12,300.00	—	—	—	—	—
9. Water Storage Holes,								
Expenses		—	4,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
0. Burner Inspections,								
Wages		—	2,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
1. Dog Officer, Salaries		—	1,600.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	8,740.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	3,755.00	—	—	—	—	—
2. Inspection Services,								
Salary		—	27,135.00	—	—	—	—	—
Wages		—	24,372.00	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses		—	6,910.00	—	—	—	—	—
3. Civil Defense,								
Salaries		—	550.00	—	—	—	—	—

Expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
24. Insect Pest Control,						
Expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
25. Dutch Elm Disease,						
Wages	—	1,475.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
26. Tree Warden,						
Wages	—	9,180.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	9,675.00	—	—	—	—
(d) Town School Department (Total)	5,549,131.00	—	—	—	—	—
27. Town School Department:						
#1000 Administration	—	139,138.00	—	—	—	—
#2000 Instruction	—	3,737,818.00	—	—	—	—
#3000 Other School Services	—	581,633.00	—	—	—	—
#4000 Operation & Maintenance	—	677,456.00	—	—	—	—
#7000 Fixed Assets	—	215,091.00	—	—	—	—
#9000 Programs with Other Schools	—	197,995.00	—	—	—	—
(e) Regional School Department (Total)	357,909.00	—	—	—	—	—
28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech. H.S. District						
Operating & Maintenance	—	303,370.00	—	—	—	—
Capital	—	12,432.00	—	—	—	—
Substantially Separate Program	—	42,107.00	—	—	—	—
(f) Highway Department (Total)	512,766.00	—	—	—	—	—
29. Highways-Personnel,						
Salary	—	30,675.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	250,641.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	3,870.00	—	—	—	—
30. Snow Removal,						
Expenses	—	60,000.00	—	—	—	—
31. Road Machinery,						
Expenses	—	61,050.00	—	—	—	—
32. Construction Materials,						
Expenses	—	23,000.00	—	—	—	—
33. Sidewalks, Expenses	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
34. Hired Services,						
Expenses	—	32,000.00	—	—	—	—
35. Street Lighting,						
Expenses	—	25,000.00	—	—	—	—
36. Professional Engineering,						
Expenses	—	10,700.00	—	—	—	—
37. Town Garage,						
Expenses	—	10,830.00	—	—	—	—
(g) Sanitation & Environmental Department (Total)	151,818.00	—	—	—	—	—
38. Sewer Commissioners,						
Salaries	—	1,700.00	—	—	—	—
Wages	—	4,500.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	73,800.00	—	—	—	—
39. Sanitary Landfill,						
Expenses	—	61,900.00	—	—	—	—
40. Conservation Commission,						
Wages	—	5,938.00	—	—	—	—
Expenses	—	1,630.00	—	—	—	—
41. Historical Commission,						
Expenses	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
42. Hazardous Waste Collection Day,						
Expenses	—	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
(h) Human Services Departments						

(Total)		162,920.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
43. Board of Health,								
	Salaries	—	1,575.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	3,022.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	10,980.00	—	—	—	—	—
44. Council on Aging,								
	Salaries	—	44,072.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	14,036.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	14,570.00	—	—	—	—	—
45. Veterans' Services,								
	Agent Salary	—	3,900.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Agent Expenses	—	670.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Veterans' Benefits	—	35,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
46. Veterans' Graves,								
	Expenses	—	670.00	—	—	—	—	—
47. Cemetery Commissioners,								
	Salaries	—	1,650.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	13,975.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	17,500.00	—	—	—	—	—
48. Mobilehome Rent Control Bd.,								
	Wages	—	500.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	800.00	—	—	—	—	—
(i) Culture & Recreation (Total)		162,244.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
49. Clapp Memorial Library,								
	Wages	—	26,445.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	24,520.00	—	—	—	—	—
50. Parks, Beach,								
Recreation,	Salary	—	21,236.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	8,799.00	57,594.00	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	—	18,150.00	—	—	—	—
51. Old Town Hall,								
	Expenses	—	—	5,500.00	—	—	—	—
(j) Buildings & Grounds (Total)		146,034.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
52. Maintenance/Groundskeeper								
	Salary	—	23,596.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	56,178.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	44,750.00	—	—	—	—	—
53. Law. Memorial Hall,								
	Expenses	—	9,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
54. Finnerty House,								
	Expenses	—	3,210.00	—	—	—	—	—
55. Town Common,								
	Expenses	—	1,700.00	—	—	—	—	—
56. Town Clock,								
	Wages	—	400.00	—	—	—	—	—
	Expenses	—	100.00	—	—	—	—	—
57. Police Station,								
	Expenses	—	7,100.00	—	—	—	—	—
(k) Pensions and Insurance (Total)		729,538.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
58. Insurance,	Expenses	—	217,367.00	—	—	—	—	—
59. Unemployment Insurance,								
	Expenses	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
60. Health Insurance,								
	Expenses	—	307,500.00	—	—	—	—	—
61. Group Life Insurance,								
	Expenses	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—	—
62. FICA-Medicare-Town								
Share,	Expenses	—	12,500.00	—	—	—	—	—
63. Pensions,	Expenses	—	182,171.00	—	—	—	—	—
(l) Unclassified Accounts (Total)		26,700.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
64. Patriotic Exercises,								

Expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
65. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses	—	4,400.00	—	—	—	—
66. Unclassified Account, Expenses	—	21,800.00	—	—	—	—
(m) Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	1,082,803.00	—	—	—	—	—
67. Interest, Expenses	—	648,642.00	—	—	—	—
68. Maturing Debt, Expenses	—	434,161.00	—	—	—	—
17. Treatment of Lakes Metacomet & Arcadia	22,000.00	—	5,500.00	—	—	16,500.00
18. Clean & Clear outlet- Lake Metacomet	4,000.00	743.05	—	3,256.95	—	—
19. None —	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. None —	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. None —	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. None —	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	10,300,581.00	10,061,580.05	167,844.00	3,256.95		67,900.00

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

Town Election May 16, 1988

***Denotes elected**

Office	Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Tot
Moderator 1 year	*Joseph R. White		358	393	302	10
		Blanks	110	155	92	3
		Totals	468	548	394	14
Town Clerk 1 year	*George R. Bach		394	438	344	11
		Blanks	74	110	50	2
		Totals	468	548	394	14
Selectmen 3 years	*Linda E. Barron		205	242	151	
	Gregory R. Dillard		191	219	177	
	W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		175	178	145	
	*Pauline C. Johnson		213	220	193	
		Blanks	152	237	122	
		Totals	936	1096	788	2
Treasurer 3 years	*George R. Bach		390	430	336	1
		Blanks	78	118	58	
		Totals	468	548	394	1
School Committee 3 years	*Dorothy A. Rhodes		266	307	218	
	*William M. Russell		289	324	267	
		Blanks	381	465	303	1
		Totals	936	1096	788	2
School Committee 1 year	*Gerard H. Gould		238	238	213	
	Kurt W. Swanson		118	173	96	
		Blanks	112	137	85	
		Totals	468	548	394	1

nning Board 5 years	(Write in) Joseph J. Kozak		49	51	51	151
	(Write in) *Mark S. Lindhult		151	119	83	353
	(Write in) Jack Hulmes		0	0	1	1
	(Write in) Donald Cole		0	3	0	3
		Blanks	268	375	259	902
		Totals	468	548	394	1410
metery Commissioner 3 years	*Paul C. Cook		347	398	300	1045
		Blanks	121	150	94	365
		Totals	468	548	394	1410
ard of Assessors 3 years	*Samuel J. Joyal		349	398	304	1051
		Blanks	119	150	90	359
		Totals	468	548	394	1410
using Authority 5 years	(Write in) *James J. Gambaro		71	84	51	206
	(Write in) John Abely		4	8	6	18
	(Write in) Simon James		0	1	0	1
		Blanks	393	455	337	1185
		Totals	468	458	394	1410
e Warden 3 years	*Albert W. Brown		361	415	314	1090
		Blanks	107	133	80	320
		Totals	468	548	394	1410
ver Commissioner 3 years	*Harry L. Brougham		325	372	296	993
		Blanks	143	176	98	417
		Totals	468	548	394	1410
ard of Health 3 years	*Peter T. Lamacchia, Jr.		202	212	174	588
	Donald L. Minney		157	214	141	512
	Gary L. Ritter		59	41	38	138
		Blanks	50	81	41	172
		Totals	468	548	394	1410
Votes cast on May 16,1988		(28% voted)	468	548	394	1410

gistered voters at Belchertown		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Totals
	Republican	212	294	191	697
	Democrat	607	691	366	1664
	Independent	829	1003	716	2548
		1648	1988	1273	4909

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held August 4, 1988 at Chestnut Hill Community School FY89

Moderator — Harold W. Willey (Town Moderator Joseph R. White is on Army Reserve Duty. Harold Willey was nominated and elected Moderator for this meeting.)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk

Registered voters present — 90 (Quorum required — 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $24,290.65 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year during the "tire fire":

Three Rivers Fire Department	$260.70
Town of Ware Fire Department	1,725.15
Town of Granby Fire Department	384.40
Town of Pelham Fire Department	738.35
Town of Palmer Fire Department	378.00
Town of Amherst Fire Department	2,309.70
Bondsville Fire Department	3,975.25
Town of Wilbraham Fire Department	212.38
Town of Monson Fire Department	338.75
F.R. Peeso & Sons	13,967.97

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $40,000.00 to replace the engine in the 1974 Maxim fire truck.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, a motion passed unanimously to change original amount requested from $50,000.00 to $40,000.00.)

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,400,000.00 for improving the Town's water system by developing the Daigle well, constructing and equipping a pumping station and laying water mains of not less than eight (8) inches but less than sixteen (16) inches in diameter to run from the Daigle well on Federal Street southerly along Federal Street to the CV Railroad tracks, then joining Metacomet St., then westerly along Metacomet St. to Bay Rd., then southerly along Bay Road to connect with the existing water main: and to meet said appropriation authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 (5) of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, each issue of such bonds or notes to mature in not more than forty (40) years from its date, provided that the amount of such bonds or notes actually issued shall be received for such purpose prior to the sale of such bonds or notes, and the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for, accept expend any such Federal or State grants that may be availabl the purposes stated above.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, a motion pa unanimously inserting in the description the words the CV Railroad tracks, then joining Metacomet following the 5th line in the original description " the Daigle well on Federal Street southerly along eral Street.)

Article 4. Voted to grant an easement for the maintenance existing building now located on the northerly side of Old Street as shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk easement to expire upon the voluntary or involuntary destru or removal, of said building from its present location.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 5. Voted to accept Chapter 613 of the Acts of known as the Right to Farm Law.

(Vote — Unanimous)

Meeting dissolved at 8:24 p.m.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

State Primary
September 15, 1988
DEMOCRAT

ne	Office		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
vard M. Kennedy	Senator in Congress		45	52	15	112
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	4	17	12	33
		Total	49	69	27	145
R. Arden	Representative in		31	39	19	89
	Congress	Blanks	18	10	8	56
	(First District)	Total	49	69	27	145
	(Vote for One					
es D. O'Brien, Jr.	Councillor		34	42	20	96
	(Seventh District)	Blanks	15	27	7	49
	(Vote for One)	Total	49	69	27	145
ert D. Wetmore	Senator In General		37	57	24	118
	Court	Blanks	12	12	3	27
	(Worc., Frank., Hampd.	Total	49	69	27	145
	& Hamps. District)					
	(Vote for One)					
ck F Landers III	Representative in		33	55	20	108
	General Court	Blanks	16	14	7	37
	(1st Hampden Dist.)	Total	49	69	27	145
	(Vote for One)					
na June Thibodo	Clerk of Courts		36	48	20	104
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	13	21	7	41
	(Vote for One)	Total	49	69	27	145
R. Dineen	Register of Deeds		20	21	15	56
anne L. Donahue	(Hampshire County		27	42	12	81
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	2	6	0	8
		Total	49	69	27	145
Lewis Sackrey	County Commissioner		29	40	18	87
els S. Belsky	(Hampshire County)		33	43	16	92
	(Vote for not more	Blanks	36	55	20	111
	than Two)	Total	98	138	54	290

Registered Democrats —	Prec. A—	544	Voted 9/15/88—	49	(Prec. A)
	" B—	662	" —	69	(Prec. B)
	" C—	232	" —	27	(Prec. C)
		1529		145	

State Primary
September 15, 1988
REPUBLICAN

Name	Office		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	To
John D. Malone	Senator in Congress		12	16	17	4
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	1	7	7	1
		Total	13	23	24	6
Silvio O. Conte	Representative in		13	20	20	5
	Congress	Blanks	0	3	4	
	(First District)	Total	13	23	24	6
	(Vote for One)					
No Candidate	Councillor					
	(Seventh District)	Blanks	13	23	24	6
	(Vote for One)	Total	13	23	24	6
No Candidate	Senator in General Court (Worc.,Frank.,Hampd.					
	& Hamps. District)	Blanks	13	23	24	6
	(Vote for One)	Total	13	23	24	6
Gerald B. Gilbride (Write-in)	Representative in		6	5	7	1
	General Court	Blanks	7	18	17	4
	(1st Hampden Dist.)	Total	13	23	24	6
	(Voted for One)					
No Candidate	Clerk of Courts					
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	13	23	24	6
	(Vote for One)	Total	13	23	24	6
No Candidate	Register of Deeds					
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	13	23	24	6
	(Vote for One)	Total	13	23	24	6
No Candidate	County Commissioner					
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	26	46	48	12
	(Vote for not more than Two)	Total	26	46	48	12

Registered Republicans —	Prec. A—	195	Voted 9/15/88—	13	(Prec. A)
	" B—	269	" —	23	(Prec. B)
	" C—	177	" —	24	(Prec. C)
		641		60	

Total Voted — 9/15/88:	Prec. A—	62
	" B—	92
	" C—	51
		205 = 4-1/2% voted

Registered Voters in Belchertown

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	544	662	323	1529
Republican	195	269	177	641
Independent	744	969	608	2321
	1483	1900	1108	4491

Attest:

George R. F. Bach
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

ction taken at the Special Town Meeting held September , 1988 at Chestnut Hill Community School FY89

oderator—Joseph R. White
eeting called to order at 7:41 P.M.
gistered voters present—79 (Quorum required—75)
e Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

rticle 1. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously nended, in the following manner:

In Appendix A. Town Classification Plan:

Under A. Management, add the following:

Fire Chief $27,000.00

UnderB. Administrative Management/Professional, de-
te

Assistant-Principal Assessor $22,500.00
and replace the following

Assistant-Principal Assessor $23,850.00
Under Compensation Plan:

A. Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

Delete the following:

ire Chief $14,500.00

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

rticle 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,400.00 to he Fire Chiefs Salary account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

rticle 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 o the Assessors Salary account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

rticle 4. Voted to appropriate from the Assessors Wage acounts the sum of $17,300.00 to the Assessors Salary account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

rticle 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for design study of the Piper Farm property recently acquired by the own of Belchertown, the designer to be selected by the Board f Selectmen.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 6. Voted to authorize a Fire Station Building Committee to consist of not more than (7) members and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint said Committee.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the use of the Fire Station Building Committee.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:51 P.M.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 14, 1988 at Chestnut Hill Community School FY89

Moderator — Joseph R. White

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Registered voters present — 189 (Quorum required—75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 from each the Town Clerk, Collector, Treasurer, and the Election & Registration Expense accounts, the sum of $500.00 from the Planning Board Expense account, and the sum of $2,000.00 from the School Department #1000 account to the Accountant Secretary Expense account to pay for computer maintenance.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of $75,000.00 from free cash in the treasury to the Interest Account.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed from W. Daniel and Janise G. Fitzpatrick of land shown as Lot 136A on the plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA, surveyed for the Town of Belchertown", dated April 20, 1988, on file in the Town Clerk's office and to take all necessary steps to record said deed and plan in the Registry of Deeds.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Article 4. On the article — To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 40 and pay all teachers, except a person in training and except a person employed as a temporary substitute, in the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District at a rate of not less than $20,000 for the school years commencing after July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, it was voted to take no action.

(Vote — Majority Yes. Vote: Yes—85, No—78)

(The Moderator's call was questioned, and a count was taken, as above.)

Article 5. Voted to authorize a Design Selection/building Committee for the purpose of a new school building and to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to meet in joint session to appoint said Committee of not less than 5 nor more than 7 members; said Committee to be charged to review plans and interview architects and present preliminary plans with cost estimates to the annual or a special town meeti and if such plans are approved and funds appropriated, to overs the construction of a new school; and further voted to appropria from Cold Spring School Plans account the sum of $14,000.00 said Committee for expenses.

(Vote — Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 8:02 P.M.

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 1988

Polls opened in all Precincts (A, B, & C) at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Office	Name		Prec. A.	Prec. B	Prec. C	Tota
Electors of President & Vice President						
(Vote for One)						
Bush & Quayle	Republican		578	690	532	18
Dukakis & Bentsen	Democrat		891	920	543	23
Fulani & Dattner	New Alliance Party		9	8	9	2
Paul & Marrou	Libertarian		8	3	9	2
		Blanks	31	60	22	1
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,3
Senator in Congress						
(Vote for One)						
Edward M. Kennedy	Democrat		969	1037	630	26
Joseph D. Malone	Republican		480	580	439	14
Mary Fridley	New Alliance Party		11	11	10	
Freda Lee Nason	Libertarian		5	3	8	
		Blanks	52	50	28	1
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,3
Representative in Congress						
(First District)						
(Vote for One)						
Silvio O. Conte	Republican		1103	1211	855	31
John R. Arden	Democrat		354	368	216	9
		Blanks	60	102	44	2
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,3
Councillor (Seventh District)						
(Vote for One)						
James D. O'Brien, Jr.	Democrat		1087	1212	808	31
		Blanks	430	469	307	12
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,3

nator in General Court /orcester-Franklin-Hampden-Hampshire District) ote for One)						
›bert D. Wetmore	Democrat		1,144	1,290	843	3,277
		Blanks	373	391	272	1,036
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
:presentative in General Court irst Hampden District) ote for One)						
trick F. Landers, III	Democrat		947	998	606	2,551
:rald B. Gilbride	Republican		440	557	418	1,415
		Blanks	130	126	91	347
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
erk of Courts ampshire County) ote for One)						
›rma June Thibodo	Democrat		1,122	1,243	823	3,188
		Blanks	395	438	292	1,125
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
:gister of Deeds ampshire County) ote for One)						
arianne L. Donohue	Democrat		1,143	1,271	829	3,243
		Blanks	374	410	286	1,070
		Totals	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
›unty Commissioner ampshire County) 'ote for not more than two)						
t Lewis Sackrey	Democrat		817	882	573	2,272
ıarles S. Belsky	Democrat		765	835	578	2,178
		Blanks	1,452	1,645	1,079	4,176
		Totals	3,034	3,362	2,230	8,626

		Prec. A	**Prec. B**	**Prec. C**	**Total**
uestion #1 (Referendum on existing law?) alary increase for legislature & rtain officers of Commonwealth)	Yes	328	240	179	747
	No	1,123	1,324	900	3,347
	Blanks	66	117	36	219
	Total	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
uestion #2 (Law proposed by itiative petition?) epealing the prevailing wage law)	Yes	538	575	376	1,489
	No	930	1,048	707	2,685
	Blanks	49	58	32	139
	Total	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
uestion #3 (Law proposed by itiative petition?) egulating treatment of farm animals)	Yes	391	350	242	983
	No	1,080	1,249	837	3,166
	Blanks	46	82	36	164
	Total	1,517	1,681	1,115	4,313
uestion #4 (Law proposed by itiative petition?)	Yes	513	417	303	1,233
	No	725	842	575	2,142

(Stopping electric power plants that produce nuclear waste)	Blanks	279	422	237	9
	Total	1,517	1,681	1,115	43
Question #5 (Accept 'An Act providing a charter for Hampshire County'?)	Yes	768	659	495	19
	No	513	749	472	173
	Blanks	236	273	148	65
	Total	1,517	1,681	1,115	431

Number of ballots cast November 8, 1988:

Precinct A	1,517	
Precinct B	1,681	
Precinct C	1,115	
Town Total	4,313	(85% voted)

Registered voters as of November 8, 1988:

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Totals
Democrat	623	701	368	1,692
Republican	892	1,062	710	2,664
Independent	214	301	208	723
	1,729	2,064	1,286	5,079

Attest:

George R. Bach
Town Clerk

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